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Torres laments unfulfilled marine monument promises

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has written to President Barack Obama on the proposed expansion of a Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument in Hawaii, encouraging the move if it helps protect ocean resources.

Torres

But Torres also stresses that this should be based on solid facts and not "optimistic promises," and points to the unfulfilled mandates of the NMI's own marine national monument, noting that protecting ocean resources is a "necessary consideration," but so too is the "follow through to complete what has already been started."

The May 3 letter largely focuses on Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, which was established by former president George Bush in 2009, and protects over 95,000 miles of water and submerged lands.

Over in Hawaii, the proposal is to expand the PMNM to the full 200-miles exclusive economic zone of the northwestern Hawaiian Is-

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Consultant: CUC energy losses at least $5M a year

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The consultant for the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission has recommended for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to reinstitute its taskforce dealing with unaccounted for energy and submit a status report regarding the "extraordinarily large" percentage of power losses in the CNMI.

In his presentation at the CPUC hearing last week, Georgetown Consulting Group, Inc.'s Larry Gawlik said that a report and plan must be

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Preliminary hearing, affirmative defense issue placed under advisement

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday placed under advisement the preliminary hearing whether the government was able to establish probable cause to charge former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse S. Concepcion.

Camacho also placed under advisement the issue whether Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion can raise affirmative defense at the prelimi-

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Attorney Richard W. Pierce confers with his client, former police officer Jesse S. Concepcion, during a break at yesterday's preliminary hearing in the Superior Court. Concepcion and former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero are facing charges for allegedly sexually abusing a then-15-year-old girl in 2013.

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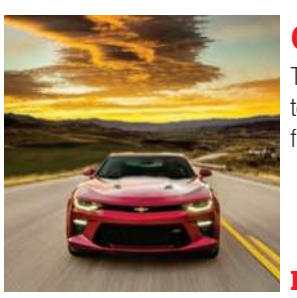

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Private, public sectors feel crippling effect of Dynasty closure

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The private and public sector on Tinian are both feeling the effects of the loss of income and industry due to the closure of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

According to Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, they have been relying on appropriations made by the Tinian and Agrihan Legislative Delegation for their budget and expenses.

"They've been providing us appropriations," San Nicolas said, noting that fees from activities such as e-gaming fees have helped them get by with their revenue losses.

"Revenues from the casino operations, we have zero," he added.

He added that they have also been cutting back expenses and that the delegation has come up with a bill for "conditional licensing fees."

"They've come up with a bill that will provide some short term funding to the municipality in the form of conditional licensing fees," San Nicolas said, "Even if you don't have casino, you'll be assessed for two years and then you will be credited for two years."

They have also been "surviving" on the $500,000 that was paid for by Alter City Group as part of their casino license fee, according to San Nicolas.

Tinian Dynasty's casino has been closed for about eight months now since September 2015. Its hotel stopped operations since March, citing lack of tourists.

Thus, many workers are out of jobs.

"Those who work at the Dynasty, your heart just go out to them. I will be talking to them very soon to talk about the situation. They are not forgotten. They mean so much to Tinian because they provide that service, the hospitality industry and the casino," San Nicolas said.

The hotel remaining closed has been having ripple effects to the other players in the tourism industry. According to San Nicolas, dive operators, captains, and all those who have activities at the beach were affected.

"What's crucial here is to get the hotel open," San Nicolas said. "This is why I'm working, and the leadership is working, with these investors to come in and reopen the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino."

"I hope that by doing this, we can let the people know that there is a bright future ahead. It's going to take some time and it's kind of hard to see that because Dynasty is closed," he added.

With the ongoing talks with investor Tim Chen and Chinese Strategic Holdings Limited who are "serious" in their interest to take over TDHC, San Nicolas said he is hopeful that the casino will be open "sometime after November."

"We all still need to work closely," San Nicolas said.

Hope for other developments

Aside from meeting with Chen and Chinese Strategic, San Nicolas, along with Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian) and MOT chief of staff Allen Perez, also met with investors Alter City Group and Bridge Investment Group to fast-track economic development for Tinian.

They met with BIG's mother company, Canbo International Ltd., in Beijing where they had an opportunity to speak to potential investors and showed and invited them to Tinian.

Former Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio was there as a "consultant," according to San Nicolas, "assisting Bridge Investment Group in showcasing what the Marianas has to offer."

BIG has extensive contacts in China and the U.S., according to San Nicolas.

He added that BIG continues to build warehouses and offices on Tinian as part of their lease agreement with the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The company leased 439,200 square feet on Tinian for .30 cents per square foot. As part of the agreement, BIG is required to develop a number of things for the ports authority including replacing dilapidated warehouses in the harbor.

However, no schedule is set yet for its groundbreaking for the more than $130-million resort on Tinian.

"I'm not sure exactly when the ground breaking is. I would assume the next six, seven, eight months. Again, Bridge Investment Group they are very serious in their plans to develop Tinian, building Titanic and the port hotel," San Nicolas said.

In their meeting with ACG, they were briefed about the beginning stages of Phase 1 of ACG's plans to construct a five star hotel and casino, luxurious villas, and a golf course at the western side of Tinian.

San Nicolas also presented a plaque of Corporate Citizen to ACG and also presented Honorary Citizen plaques to Ken Lin and Kin Ian Leong.

"Our trip to Hong Kong, Macau, and Beijing was a very fruitful trip because we got to understand where all these investors are coming from," San Nicolas said. "We learned a lot. A lot of our questions were answered."

Fruitful nationals campaign for Guardians

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The Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School Guardians made the CNMI proud in the 2016 North American Division Invitational of the Adventist Robotics League. The team had a fruitful campaign after almost failing to attend the May 1 finals in Sacramento, California.

They placed second in project presentation, third in robot design, and finished seventh overall against 17 other competing teams in the United States.

Coach Melanie Stroud said they—Rannon Palacios, Sion Park, and Miles Timmons—arrived in the early morning of May 1, Sunday, just hours before the start of the competition.

"The tournament went well. It was a very long day and I think jetlag hit them in full force after we arrived Sunday morning," said Stroud. They were struggling during the morning judging sessions, but still represented well."

The team left Saipan on April 28, Thursday, and returned last Wednesday morning.

She added that one of the judges revealed that competition was really close as only five points separated the top team from the last placed squad.

Palacios, Park, and Timmons represented the CNMI in the 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge held at the Walla Walla Valley Academy College Place in Washington. Cory Lee and Harvey Zhang were also part of Team Guardians.

The Saipan SDA squad was one of the three teams that earned an invitation after the Washington regionals. Their robot design and project presentation, on turning waste to energy, were tops while placing second in Core Values/Teamwork to finish second overall.

Washington, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, Oregon, and Utah were the states were the other competing teams came from.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
From left, Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Guardians members Sion Park, Rannon Palacios, and Miles Timmons after receiving one of their awards in last week's 2016 North American Division Invitational of the Adventist Robotics League in Sacramento, California.

Stroud, on a side note during their stay in Sacramento and had nothing to do with the tournament, said that Timmons did something noteworthy making him a hero. The Saipan SDA fifth grader saved one of the 3-year-old twins of the family they stayed with.

"The family we stayed with had four young children and a swimming pool. One evening the kids were swimming while the parents were watching nearby. One of the twins [fell in the pool] and went under without being noticed by the parents. [Miles] noticed it and quickly swam across the pool to pull him to safety," said Stroud.

CHCC supports 100 pct ID checks for alcohol, tobacco

»Hospital says policy has kept non-compliance below 13 pct among retailers

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The local hospital has informed House of Representatives lawmakers of the "effective" strategy of a "100 percent ID Check" for the sale of alcohol and tobacco in the community, in its written comments on a House bill that would change this requirement.

House Bill 19-141 amends law to allow retail stores to exercise "prudent judgment" on the sale of alcohol or tobacco to those "who obviously appears to below" 35 years of age.

In an April 22 letter to the House committee on commerce and tourism, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. says that "for more than 10 years its Prevention Services Unit, along with public safety and commerce departments have worked tirelessly to conduct compliance checks to ensure retail stores comply with the 100 percent ID check policy.

CHCC says this approach has resulted in deceased accessibility of alcohol and tobacco products by minors and increased compliance of the law by retail establishments.

"Beginning in the late '90s, the non-compliance rate of retailers selling tobacco and alcohol products to minors was at over 90 percent. Since 2007…we have consistently maintained non-compliance rate below 13 percent," said CHCC CEO Esther Muna in the letter.

"The absence of the 100 percent ID Check Law places the youth population at an increased risk of accessing these dangerous and addictive substances," she also said.

CHCC recommends stronger collaboration between existing substance abuse entities and public discourse to discuss the matter more concretely, so that they can assess the risks and benefits involved in amending this law.

In its committee report, the House commerce committee—recommends the bill's passage—says current ID check requirements have "proven to be an inconvenience to customers and renders an adverse effect on businesses."

"Due to the way our statutes are currently written, business vendors are not allowed to sell alcohol and tobacco products to customers who do not have their [IDs] presently in their possession despite the fact the customer is obviously much older" than the age limit,said the committee, which is chaired by Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan), said.

The Natibu Sports Association, though, in their comments on the bill, says it sends the wrong message to the youth.

The association says it should not feel as an "inconvenience for identification to be required, but rather it should be a privilege."

"This means if you have proper ID, then you are able to purchase products made for adults," said NSA president Jodina C. Attao in their March letter.

"Moreover," she adds, "if you are driving to a store to purchase these items, then you should already have proper identification with you to drive your car as well."

Hayashi, Baker chronicle *Alingano Maisu* voyage

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Kazuyo Hayashi and Aylie Baker have been chronicling their voyage with the crew of *Alingano Maisu*. They have a combined eight years of taking part in the travels made by the 60-foot sailing canoe that was a gift by Hawaiian students to Sesario Sewralur's father and master navigator Pius Mau Piailug.

Hayashi has joined the trip five times while it was the third for Baker. They have been taking notes and photos in order to write their experiences with Hayashi hoping to finish her book, while Baker just a simple travelogue of being part of *Alingano Maisu*'s adventures and voyage to different islands in the Pacific.

The *Maisu* is a 60-foot Polynesian double-hulled voyaging canoe that was built in Hawaii by several organizations that learned the traditional method of sailing from Piailug. Its maiden voyage was in March 2007; it sank midway in its trip from Yap to Palau in 2013 with all its crew being safely rescued by U.S. Coast Guard and other nearby ships.

Seeing the position of the stars, reading the weather and wind conditions, feeling the swells and ocean current, and watching the birds and other ocean species are part of the traditional way of navigating the seas just like what the early Carolinians did.

Hayashi, a Japanese writer, said she met Sewralur's father in 2003 when she was gathering information for a feature story about Saipan. She then asked the master navigator for an interview to tell his story, which Piailug agreed to.

"We talked about his experience learning the traditional way of sailing, the trips he made to different islands, and sharing the information to others. At the end of our conversation, he asked me if I wanted to join his next trip, but I did not said yes right away," said Hayashi.

From there, she kept in touch with Piailug and in 2004, after almost a year, she joined the master navigator's son, Sewralur, in a different sailing canoe from Yap to Palau to attend the 2004 Festival of the Pacific Arts that was held in Koror.

When Piailug received *Maisu* from Hawaii, Hayashi joined three other trips with this being the fifth time. They sailed from Koror on March 15 with the final destination in Guam to attend the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts, which opens on May 22.

JON PEREZ

Kazuyo Hayashi, second right, joins the crew of *Alingano Maisu* in arranging their belongings and other supplies after arriving on Saipan last Saturday following their close to two-month long voyage across the Pacific.

"This book project is the hardest and longest one that I'm doing. I started writing this book in 2010 and it's not yet complete. Once I'm done, I will find a publisher so that my experience meeting people from other islands and their culture would be known," added Hayashi.

Baker is also writing her own story but would rather leave the book publishing to Hayashi. "She's the master writer, I am just her student," she said with a laugh. "But definitely I'm learning a lot from her. I hope to write my own story, maybe similar to a travelogue or something."

She was in Palau interviewing students for a paper she's been doing about caring for the environment and climate change when she met Sewralur in 2010. She got invited to join their trip to Yap State's outer islands.

"I just loved the trip, so I promised to come back. This was my third trip with the group and the longest. This voyage was planned three years ago and they have been preparing for this to make sure the trip won't have any problems," said Baker, an environmental studies graduate of University of Oregon.

"I've been studying how the Pacific Islands have been adapting to climate change and navigation is an important part of that. I am very passionate about the environment and at the same time got interested on the traditional way of navigating the seas that's why I joined them especially in this trip," she added.

It was a festive atmosphere at PCC in Koror in the send off last March 15 with songs and dances performed by the Micronesian Society.

On Saturday, the crew moved *Maisu* from the Smiling Cove to the waters near the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. Sewralur said their first plan was to dock near the Utt but low tide prevented them. They will leave on May 17 for Guam in time for the May 22 opening of the Festival of the Pacific Arts where they expect to be welcomed by delegates from Micronesia.

Seven-year-old Dylan—Sewralur's son and the youngest crew member—Rodney Kazuma and Murais Sebangol of Palau, Satawal's Miano Sowraenpiy and Albino Esoailug, Norman Tawelimai of Ifalik, and Japanese and Osamu Kasuge are the other crewmembers aboard *Maisu.*

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Kim-Tenorio corrects sentence on sex offender

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio yesterday corrected her commitment order to reflect that the prison term on sex offender Ivan Jones Castro was six months and 30 days instead of one year and 30 days.

In an amended judgment of conviction and commitment order, Kim-Tenorio said Castro is given credit of 161 days of time served.

The judge said Castro's release date from the Department of Corrections is June 17, 2016.

The original written order issued last Wednesday states that the release date is Dec. 16, 2016. All other conditions in the commitment order remain in the amended order.

Castro, 39, was slapped with the prison term for his failure to update the Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry Section about his verification information, for having contact with minor children, and for violating his probation conditions.

After completing the prison term, Castro will be placed on supervised probation for three years.

The defendant was ordered to pay a $100 fine, $25 in court assessment fee, and $200 in probation fee.

Castro was required to abide by all the terms and conditions of the Sex Offender Registry, including notifying DPS of any address changes within two days and not living in a household with any non-biological minors.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on Aug. 25 to Oct. 13, 2015 on Saipan, Castro failed to update a change in his residence and place of employment with DPS. He resided in a residence with two minor children in violation of his probation condition imposed in his previous conviction. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

May proclaimed as 'Drug Court Month'

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday proclaimed May 2016 as "Drug Court Month" in the presence of members of the Judiciary.

"The NMI Judiciary and the District Court for the CNMI recently established drug court programs to offer a creative blend of treatment and sanction alternatives to effectively address offender behavior, rehabilitation, and the safety of our community," the Office of the Governor said in a statement yesterday. "The time has come to put a treatment court with reach of every eligible person in need."

The proclamation notes the benefits that drug courts have had throughout the nation, saying that these have treated over 1.4 million individuals with their blend of treatment and sanction methods to address offenders and their rehabilitation.

The proclamation says these courts are recognized as the "most successful criminal justice intervention" in the nation's history, and saves up to $27 for every $1 invested and up to $13,000 for every individual served.

It also notes that 75 percent of treatment court graduates "will never see another pair of handcuffs."

Torres late last month budgeted $253,470 to meet the funding mandates for the Drug Court Act of 2015.

There are some 2,966 drug courts and other treatment courts nationwide. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

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nary hearing stage.

After conducting the hearing for four hours, Camacho said he will issue a written decision.

The judge started the preliminary hearing last April 22 and continued it yesterday after defense lawyers Richard W. Pierce and Matthew J. Holley raised the affirmative defense issue.

Camacho then ordered the parties to submit briefs on the affirmative defense issue. He heard the arguments yesterday.

During the continuation of the preliminary hearing yesterday, assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley, counsel for the government, asserted that they have presented sufficient evidence to establish probable cause as to all charges.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion each with one count of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, two counts of misconduct in public office, and two counts of conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

Baisley argued that in this case, Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, both veteran police officers, were involved in prostitution when a minor girl was dropped to them at a secluded beach site with the understanding that she will get paid in exchange for sex.

Baisley said the girl at that time was under the immediate authority of the two men.

"That's inherently coercive. That's immediate authority," the prosecutor said, adding that the girl can't escape and had no option at that time.

Baisley said inherently coercive is what the CNMI Legislature was really concerned about when adults engaged in sex with minors.

On the conspiracy charges, Baisley said they have presented substantial evidence that the defendants agreed to meet with the girl at the beach for sex.

The prosecutor said Concepcion knew that the girl was a minor then.

"We have enough evidence to move this case forward," he pointed out.

Baisley said they also have circumstantial evidence to support probable cause as to the charges of conspiracy.

On the misconduct charges, Baisley said it is simply incredible that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion used a DPS vehicle when they had sex with the girl.

Holley, counsel for Deleon Guerrero, argued that there's no evidence that Deleon Guerrero used his position as then-DPS commissioner to coerce the girl to have sex with him.

Holley said there's no evidence that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion have position of authority over the girl.

Holley said the government failed to establish probable cause as to the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

Holley said the government is only making up this coercive environment issue.

Holley said the government has failed to meet even the threshold of probable cause.

On the conspiracy charges, Holley said the evidence showed that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion did not know that the girl is a minor.

Holley noted that Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park testified that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion were both surprised when he told them that the girl is a minor.

"That's contradictory to conspiracy," the lawyer pointed out.

Pierce, counsel for Deleon Guerrero, said there's not one piece of evidence elicited from the government's witnesses that defendants have position of authority over the girl.

Pierce said the government made up this coercive idea as this is not even in the statute.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom late yesterday afternoon, the parties were about to start arguing the affirmative defense issue.

In Concepcion's brief, Pierce said if the point of the preliminary hearing is to determine whether a crime was likely committed and whether the defendant likely committed it, the affirmative defense negates the existence of the crime and the liability of the defendant.

"There is no reason to proceed to trial if it is likely that no one committed a crime," said Pierce in Concepcion's response to the government's opening brief on the affirmative defense issue.

Concepcion and Deleon Guerrero have asserted an affirmative defense that they believed then that the girl they allegedly sexually assaulted was not a minor.

In the government's brief, Baisley said the court should not allow Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion to sidestep a jury trial by permitting them present an affirmative defense at the preliminary hearing stage.

Baisley said Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, both seasoned police officers, are presenting the affirmative defense that they believed a 15-year-old girl was 24, 19, or 18, depending on which of their statements one chooses to believe.

At a preliminary hearing last April 22, FBI special agent Park testified that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion confessed during his interview that they had sex with a girl at a secluded San Antonio beach site in June 2013.

Park said Deleon Guerrero, 44, and Concepcion, 45, were surprised when he told them that the girl was a minor and was then only 15 years old.

Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion are both under house arrest after posting $25,000 and $10,000 cash bail plus property, respectively.

TORRES

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lands, from 140-nuatical miles.

Torres writes that he understand Obama's decision may depend on results of relevant data and opinions of key stakeholders, and offers the CNMI's own love and history with the Pacific Ocean and its resources.

"I support the concept to do whatever it takes to ensure the survival and enrichment of our oceans and seas," Torres said. "If expanding the PMNM will ensure the ecological integrity of the marine resources and ocean life in this portion of the Pacific, I would easily support such a decision."

However, Torres adds that leading up to the establishment of the Marianas monument, government officials and environmental organizations touted great economic benefits that the CNMI could receive.

Torres said one study suggested that the CNMI would benefit some $10 million per year in direct spending with approximately $5 million per year in tax revenue, and the creation of nearly 400 jobs as a result of the monument's creation.

"Unfortunately that has not happened," Torres said. "The CNMI has yet to receive any such benefits and I therefore encourage you to ensure your decision of whether to expand the PMNM is based on solid information and facts—not optimistic promises.

"Further, I also encourage you to consider and set into place the necessary administrative tools and support to ensure the proper management of all existing U.S. marine monuments."

Torres explains that immediately after the creation of the Marianas monument, the U.S. departments of Commerce and Interior were instructed to finished the monument's management plan "within two years" of its designation.

"We are now in the eighth year since the MTMNM was established and our monument and the management plan process have yet to come to fruition. I therefore respectfully request your focus include the monuments already in existence and assistance with the completion of existing MTMNM mandates—as well as the merits of the expanding the" Hawaii monument.

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made to identify losses, remediation efforts, costs of remediation, and schedule for the remediation.

"We recommend that CUC perform a meaningful status report, consider reinstituting the ad-hoc unaccounted for energy taskforce that it put together for the purposes of determining these losses and developing a plan," Gawlik said.

In addressing this issue, Gawlik said "It represents probably the single largest opportunity for CUC to improve its efficiency with regards to delivery of power. It is a larger opportunity than building new power plants."

In simple terms, Gawlik described unaccounted for energy as "energy produced at the power plant but for some reason never makes it to the customer's bills."

Power produced minus energy sold equals unaccounted for energy.

These losses can be technical or line losses which are caused by wires, physical lines, transformers, or other infrastructure part of the distribution and therefore can be estimated accurately and can be controlled.

Non-technical losses, on the other hand, are those that result from factors such as inaccurate meter, meter reading error, transformation error, incorrect meter multiplier in the billing, theft, and others.

Gawlik noted that since 2012—when CPUC ordered CUC to implement the recommendations in the Pacific Power Association's 2010 KEMA study for reducing CUC's unaccounted for energy losses to industry norms—they have received only one status report from the corporation.

No change since 2010

Gawlik stated that CUC is basically the same as it was when KEMA made its analysis six years ago.

He stated that losses on Saipan were pegged at 14.85 percent, 19.29 percent for Tinian, and 19.63 percent for Rota.

Gawlik said that these are "extraordinarily large numbers" particularly when normal technical losses is 8 percent.

This means, Gawlik said, that 7 or 8 percent of the losses are non-technical losses—which, by industry standard, should be less than 1 percent.

"Somebody has to pay for all these losses," Gawlik said.

"Both losses are paid for by customers," he added, noting that these losses find their way to customer billings in the way the fuel adjustment charges are calculated and the way rates are calculated.

Gawlik said that these losses—paid for by electric ratepayers—are worth conservatively $3 million to closer to $5 million a year in current fuel costs or may have amounted to $8 million "during the hyper fuel costs two years ago."

Not acceptable

In their response, CUC management said they don't need to be tasked in addressing this issue as they have been making efforts to do so.

"We continue to review and make efforts to identify losses," CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho said.

He acknowledged that the numbers are "very high" and that it is "not acceptable to CUC." He also said that they "understand the responsibility" of CUC regarding the matter.

During the restoration efforts after Typhoon Soudelor, CUC noted that they have made efforts to review their transformers and "try to size them along the way" as a way of addressing losses. They have replaced 600 to 700 transformers after Soudelor.

CUC said it will be more than happy to comply with Georgetown's recommendations to put together a team and make a written report by September.

"I think we should be able to have most of it by September if not all but if possible if I need another month, hopefully they consider my request if that is possible," Camacho said.

FEMA senior advisor listens to CARE

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Rev. David Myers visited Saipan last week to listen to Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts members and at the same time assess the ongoing recovery efforts. He is a senior advisor to Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator William Craig Fugate.

President Barack Obama also appointed Myers to direct the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership under the Department of Homeland Security.

Myers met with CARE members last week at the Governor's Office conference room on Capital Hill to know how FEMA can still help in the recovery efforts despite having a statute of limitations and at the same time to do his own assessment.

"We all know that it needs a lot of money for recovery efforts since disasters are expensive. We know that there's still a lot of work ahead and you sometimes feel that you don't where to start," said Myers, who added that FEMA has allotted close to $36 million for response and recovery.

"I will bring all of your concerns to the [FEMA] administrator, I'm not making any promises but I'll work hard to see what else could be done," Myers said.

CARE's main concern is raising the money that would help build typhoon-resilient homes.

He also thanked the community, faith-based groups, and other organizations for doing their share in responding to the needs of the victims of Typhoon Soudelor last year.

JON PEREZ
Rev. David Myers, right, the director for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership under the Department of Homeland Security, speaks during last week's meeting of the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts at the conference room of the Governor's Office on Capital Hill.

"The community responded quickly after the storm. I'm just amazed on how other people helped other without thinking of their own personal needs," Myers said.

"[Typhoon Soudelor] is a wake up call to everybody on how to respond to persons and other people in need," said Myers.

He added faith-based groups were instrumental in helping victims of several disasters in the mainland including Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership was established to help faith-based groups coordinate with other volunteer organizations.

"These are groups and organizations that provide services to victims like beds, a soup kitchen, and even transportation. With the help of emergency managers the resources—either from the government or private—go to the victims," said Myers.

He said that faith-based communities and volunteer organizations have ways of working closely with the government and not touch on the issue of the First Amendment.

Rose Smith of Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation said their group had worked closely with other faith-based organizations and other volunteers to assist people on what they need and tell them where to go to get help. "How we worked together, all of us, is the reason how we were able to recover fast."

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy birthday to Kayla Igitol who will be celebrating her 33 birthday on May 11, 2016, Wednesday payday. You are an amazing coworker with a good heart. May God pour His love and warmth on you, in all walks of life. Belated happy Mother's Day as well. We love you. From: AJ, Jenna, and Auntie Julie.

$50 vouchers to help entice Japanese tourists

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The Marianas Visitors Authority has approved funds to be used for vouchers for Japanese tourists when they visit the CNMI.

As an incentive and to entice more arrivals from Japan, MVA's Japan Ad-Hoc Committee came up with a program to give vouchers to those who will be booking their trips.

According to MVA managing director Chris Concepcion, their board of directors has approved $150,000 for the program, which will equate to 3,000 vouchers of $50 each.

The $50 vouchers will be given to the agents to give to their customers who book from June 1 to July 15, Concepcion said. He added that the Japan Saipan Travel Association will take care of the distribution.

"These vouchers can be redeemed at qualifying businesses here in the CNMI who are MVA members," Concepcion said.

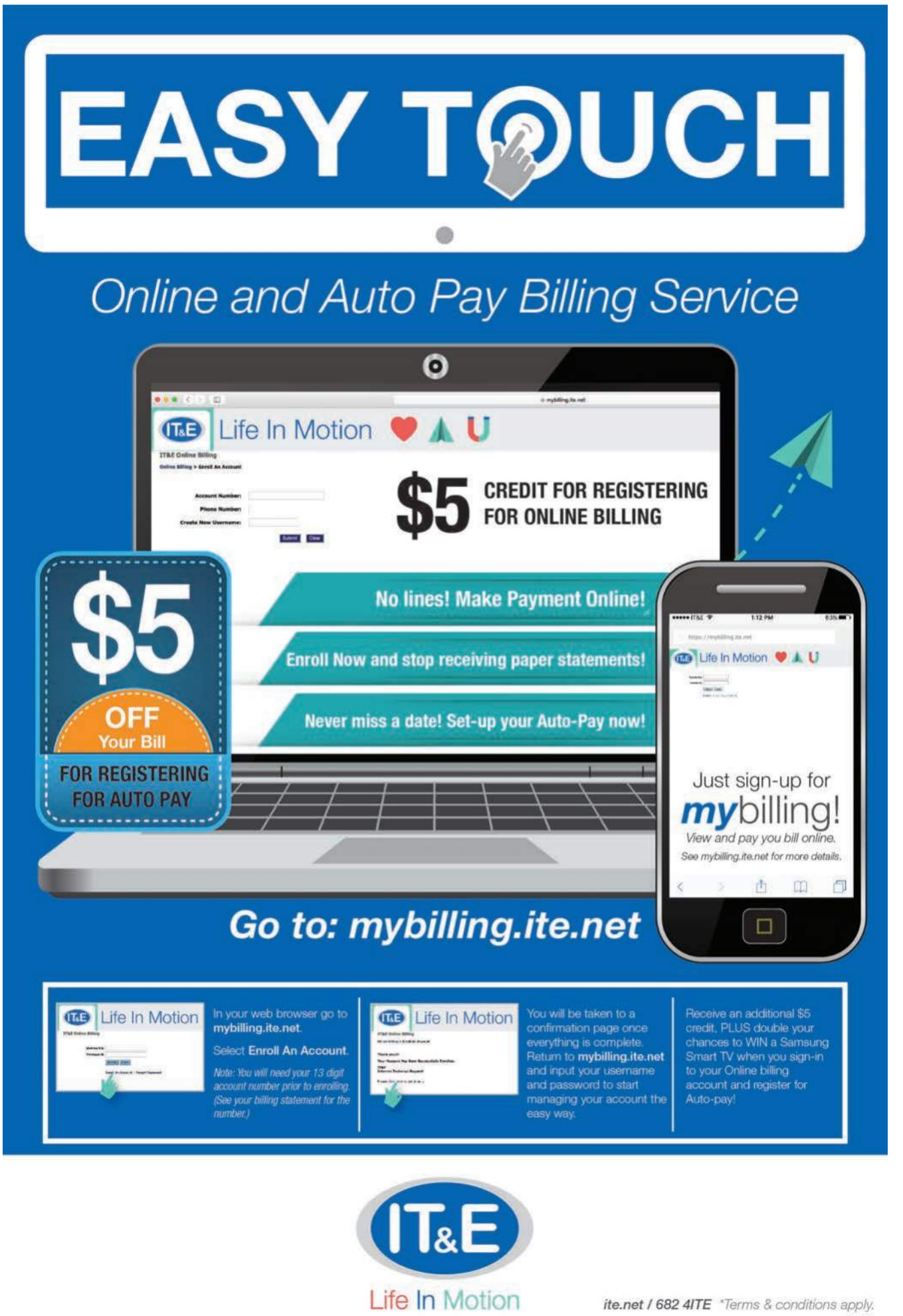
"It's sort of to entice the Japanese market. It's going to be marketed of course in Japan. The JSTA will be in charge of distribution," he added.

Previously, the board had also approved funds to be used in waiving landing fees to any airline flying to Japan with direct regular daily flights as part of the government's efforts to revive the Japanese market.

Asked if the recent magnitude 7.0 quake in Kumamoto, Japan might have an effect to Japanese tourist arrivals in the CNMI, Concepcion said he hopes it won't.

"I don't think so. The quakes were centered in the Kumamoto area, southwestern Japan, quite a big distance from Tokyo. And so, I hope it's not going to effect, I think it won't have any significant impact on tourist arrivals in Japan," Concepcion said.

"We have not heard anything from our partners in Tokyo of any significant drop," he added.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Japanese Society of NMI aims to raise $5K

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The Japanese Society of Northern Marianas is aiming to raise $5,000 to help the recovery efforts of earthquake victims in Kumamoto and Oita prefectures last month. Kumamoto City was the hardest hit as the 7.3-magnitude tremor left people without water while numerous structures—modern and historical buildings—collapsed or caught fire.

JSNM vice president Hiroko Tenorio said this was the goal set by their president Junichi Kitagawa, who has been leading their fundraising efforts. Kitagawa, Tenorio, and several of their members were at the opening of the Taste of the Marianas last Saturday at the American Memorial Park to ask for everyone's support.

Tenorio said Kumamoto City is slowly getting back to normal and they have been experiencing lesser aftershocks. Several aftershocks were recorded at magnitude 5.3, causing a lot of houses to collapse.

She added that the city government would want to complete their inspection of every home and building before telling the people that it is now safe to go back to their houses.

"Kumamoto is getting less and less tremors still the city government won't allow the people to go back to their homes until they are sure it is now safe for everyone. People are still living in shelters," said Tenorio.

JSNM will be at the Taste of the Marianas for three more Saturdays with their booth located near the stage. They started their fundraising efforts on April 28 at the Thursday Night Street Market.

"We will also be at the Thursday Street Market the entire month of May after the [Department of Community and Cultural Affairs] asked us to come back and continue our fundraising," added Tenorio.

JSNM is also selling $5 raffle tickets where they will be giving away lunch and dinner buffet gift certificates, waterpark passes, and room stays. They will finish their fundraising on May 26 at the Thursday Street Market and May 28, the final day of the Taste of the Marianas.

All cash donations and proceeds from the raffle would be deposited to an account at the Bank of Guam and have it transferred to the city governments of Kumamoto and Oita.

For more information, call Kitagawa at 483-6421 or Tenorio at 483-0614 or email goodcarespn@pticom.com, or JSNM vice president Masaki Inoue at 287-9376.

2 more charges filed against ex-Army Reserve

Two more charges have been filed against Jordan M. Jucutan, a teacher and a former member of the U.S. Army Reserve, accused of stealing referral bonuses from the U.S. Army Reserve totaling $9,000 by fraudulently claiming that he recruited five potential soldiers and claiming the cash incentives for himself.

A second superseding indictment, which was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday, added one count of wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft.

This brings to total charges of eight counts—four counts of wire fraud and four counts of aggravated identity theft.

Two charges were added as the U.S. government included the fourth victim or 4th nominee (future soldier).

Using an online portal/website, Jucutan allegedly electronically submitted the personal identifiable information for four nominees without the knowledge or consent of the nominees on Aug. 25 and 26, 2007, and on June 6, 2009, and on Oct. 28, 2007.

The superseding indictment charged Jucutan with three counts of wire fraud and three counts of aggravated identity theft.

The original indictment charged Jucutan with 15 counts—one count of theft of government property, five counts of aggravated identity theft, and nine counts of wire fraud.

The defendant pleaded not guilty. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Fire cadets conduct beach cleanup at Old Man by the Sea

The Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services' 11th Fire Cycle Cadets, in partnership with the Marianas Visitors Authority, conducted a beach cleanup at the Old Man by the Sea last Saturday May 7.

The cleanup was held in celebration of Tourism Month and the Trash for Cash program.

The 38 fire cadets hiked down through the jungle around 7am and made numerous trips caring out all the debris consisting of plastics, glass, tires, fishing buoys, and much more. The trash was disposed and weighed at the transfer station in Puerto Rico weighing a total of 1,340 lbs.

The DFEMS 11th Fire Cycle Cadets will be fundraising for their graduation ceremony that will be held in the first week of July.

On May 14, 2016 the Fire Cadets will be having a car wash at the Puerto Rico and Susupe Shell gas stations from 8am to 12pm. ***(PR)***

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Golden Week draws Japan charters

To support increased demand for travel to the Northern Mariana Islands, Asiana Airlines operated 12 extra flights from Narita and Osaka during the Golden Week holiday.

From April 29 to May 8, Asiana flew 10 extra flights from Narita with 171 seats per flight. On May 2 and 5, Asiana also brought in two extra flights from Osaka with 171 seats per flight, for a total of 2,052 additional air seats into Saipan.

"Golden Week is one of the top vacation periods for the Japan markets, and we are pleased to again have received charter flights during this period," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "In addition, we are working toward the launch of new airline service in the coming months."

Jin Air will launch direct flights from Seoul on June 9, 2016. Philippine Airlines will launch twice weekly direct flights from Manila on June 15, 2016. And East Star Airlines will commence direct flights from Seoul on in July 2016.

The MVA continues its negotiations with airlines in Japan to increase flight services from that major market, and is developing an incentive program with the Office of the Governor and the Commonwealth Ports Authority for new air service from the market. ***(PR)***

2 indicted for allegedly providing false statement in US passport application

Two persons were indicted on Friday in federal court for allegedly providing false statement in an application for a U.S. passport for a minor child.

The indictment charged Yu Zou and Yan Juan Hu Taitano with one count of making a false statement in a passport application.

According to the indictment, on Dec. 3, 2014 on Saipan, Zou and Taitano knowingly made a false statement in the application for a U.S. passport for the minor child.

In such application, Zou, allegedly aided by Taitano, stated that she had never been married, "which statement she then and there well knew to be false."

The indictment did not indicate the relationship between Zou and Taitano. It was also not mentioned in court papers what is the relationship between the defendants and the child. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Chapters on Guam, CNMI in new book on the Pacific

A new book about the politics of the Pacific includes chapters about Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

The book also includes chapters about other nations and territories linked in one way or another with the United States.

Pacific Ways, just published, contains a chapter about Guam's government, politics and elections, as well as its still unresolved political status, written by Kelly G. Marsh and Tyrone J. Taitano.

Another chapter in the book is about politics and government in American Samoa, highlighting the territory's position as both American and Samoan. The book also includes chapters on the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau.

The new book about politics in the Pacific provides insights about 27 Pacific Island countries and territories.

Edited by Victoria University of Wellington's Professor Stephen Levine, the book includes contributions from Pacific scholars from across the region.

The book covers all regions—Polynesia, Melanesia. and Micronesia—and all countries, irrespective of their size or political status. The contents mirror the diversity of the Pacific, with chapters about an array of island nations whose politics receive relatively little media or scholarly attention.

Originally published in 2009, this second edition of *Pacific Ways* has been written by an almost entirely new team of authors, offering their own perspectives on the Pacific's problems and prospects. *Pacific Ways* includes a specially commissioned color map of the entire Pacific Islands region, providing a visual reference point for each of the states and territories.

The overall aim of this new edition of Pacific Ways is to provide a clear, thoughtful, up-to-date account of the politics, elections, political parties and systems of government in every Pacific Island nation and territory.

Contributors: Peter Clegg, Jack Corbett, Jon Fraenkel, Lorenz Gonschor, Cheryl Hunter, Iati Iati, Keli Kalolo, David Kupferman, Marc Lanteigne, Michael Leach, Hapakuke Pierre Leleivai, Stephen Levine, Kelly Marsh, Nic Maclellan, Gordon Nanau, Vergil Narakobi, Robert Norton, Glenn Petersen, Gregory B. Poling, Zag Puas, Max Quanchi, Frank Quimby, Steven Ratuva, Nigel S. Roberts, J. Robert Shaffer, Tyrone Taitano, Salote Talagi, Takuia Uakeia, Wouter Veenendaal, Phillipa Webb, Forrest Wade Young

Pacific Ways: Government and Politics in the Pacific Islands is available in bookshops and can also be ordered from: http://vup.victoria.ac.nz/

For further information, please contact Kirsten McDougall at: Kirsten.McDougall@vuw.ac.nz. See also www.vup.victoria.ac.nz. ***(PR)***

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Tinian honors Alter City, Leong with awards

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From left, Rita Shiu, Ken Lin, Sen. Francisco Cruz, Nicole Hoi, Alter City Group chair Kin Ian Leong, Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, Yen-Bor Chen, and Danny Lei at Alter City Group headquarters in Macau.

Alter City Group chair Kin Ian Leong, the largest investor on Tinian, has been actively participating in public welfare activities related to the island.

Recently, Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas visited Macau and awarded Leong and Alter City the honorary Citizenship and Corporate Citizenship awards, respectively.

Leong said that it is an honor to receive such recognition from the Tinian Municipality as a Macanese. He expressed much appreciation as to how Macau has been providing him opportunities and advantages to develop overseas. To be in line with the local government's policy, Alter City has confirmed a $1.2-billion investment on Tinian for a complex with vacation resorts and entertainment, developing the tourism industry of the island.

The project is supported by local government officials with a policy to invite people from overseas to make investments. In order to meet the demand of labor and professionals for this project, more quota on immigration and overseas labor are a must, and the mayor has indicated he will be in full support in achieving the required numbers.

Leong has been the honorary special economic adviser for Tinian for the past two years, in addition to being a key investor on the island. Along with San Nicolas, Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian), visited Macau, where they thanked and honored Leong and his group for their contributions.

"Tinian is on the Pacific Ocean and is the closest American territory to East Asia and China with geographical advantage. It is politically stable, nice weather throughout the year," said Leong. "The island is safe, comfortable, and a hot spot for tourism."

About 30 years ago, the CNMI was industrial-oriented, but quickly diminished over time. The CNMI government, recognizing the need to turn to a different economic generator, made the decision that tourism shall become the major industry, leading to the invitation of investors. With the support of the local government, Tinian was to be turned into a beautiful resort destination.

Leong was invited by the local government to explore the island for potential investment two years ago. Professional advice for different aspects were engaged and all indicated the possibility, and thus Leong had confirmed to grasp the opportunity and develop his project on the island, of which will cover about 1,500,000 square meters of land, with not less than 5,500 rooms, a golf course, and other ancillaries with infrastructure, a total investment of $1.2 billion.

The local government has vowed to assign a team to facilitate the project so to have the ground-breaking take place this year, aiming for the completion of Phase I in 2018.

Alter City is planning to erect no less than 250 luxurious villas in Phase 1, together with a casino, 5-star hotels, and a golf course that are surrounded by the paradise-like nature, attractive, well-known diving spots, and historical monuments, guaranteed to draw tourists and a great vacation option, especially a long-weekend getaway for those in East Asia who are just a few short hours flight away.

The project will create thousands of job opportunities. Expertise and labor of different sectors are required, construction, logistics, transportation, properties management, hospitality, F&B, gaming, and many others, this will boost the economic development. In order to ensure sufficient labor and equip the locals with the necessary knowledge and skills to participate in this large-scale project, part of Leong's project is to provide professional training to the locals and those interested. Further, Leong is going to build an educational institution on Tinian, offering scholarships for local students who could eventually contribute to the island.

In order to facilitate the progress of the project, the long-term operation and tourism industry developed therefrom, the transportation by air and sea must be in accordance with the development, the airport will be refurbished with expansion to cope with the need, while a new sea transport with sight-seeing cruise for the visitors to experience the beautiful and exotic scenery and the surroundings will be developed.

Alter City is aiming to have the airport handling a capacity of 40,000 passengers monthly. The project will transform the island into an entirely new community, bringing revenue to the government, upgrading education while creating job positions for the locals both during the development of the project and the operation afterward, this is an exciting transition for every individual on the island and bringing a brand new page to the local government.

Macau has established its position in the gaming industry and turned the city into a tourism and leisure spot. Leong therefore would like to have the significant success in Macau be found in other countries. This shall also become a platform to group the Macanese people, especially the youth, to explore opportunities overseas, which is considered a great pleasure by Leong.

In fact, with the strong trend of China and Macau forming partnership, the development at Hengqin and Zhongshan and other fusion programs had been an emphasis. The valuable experience of the Macanese entrepreneurs has equipped them to develop regional projects, but more importantly, is to be in theme of "The Belt and Road Initiative," allowing to develop in the South Pacific region. Sending the new, active generation in Macau overseas, while bringing home the culture and experience, as a positive exchange mutually beneficial to both the land and people. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room located on the second floor of the Captain George Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan. The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (March 2 and 24, 2016)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)
III. EXECUTIVE SESSION
IV. CORRESPONDENCES
V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Financial Affairs Committee
2. Airport Facilities Committee
3. Seaport Facilities Committee
4. Personnel Affairs Committee

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
VII. OLD BUSINESS
1. None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
1. Supplemental Budget Request – Seaport
2. Airport Settlement (AUA)
3. Personnel Matters: Employment Contracts
   a. Tinian Ports Manager
   b. Staff Engineer
4. Personnel Matters: Master Electrician Position Description
5. Personnel Matters: Salary Scale
6. POI Aviation's Request for Lease Extension
7. Rules and Regulations/Board Bylaws: Retention of documents
8. Concession RFP - Status Report:
   a. Legislation
   b. Terminal Planning
   c. ACDBE Program
9. Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Program Approval/Endorsement Resolution
10. UR Corporation

IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
X. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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Chairman, Board of Directors
May 9, 2016

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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) UNITS SPECIALIZED VEHICLES FOR PORTS POLICE PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-004-16

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of two (2) units specialized vehicles for its Ports Police Department.

The bid package consisting of instructions and other considerations will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning May 10th, 2016.

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Acting Executive Director

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Supreme Court presents Golden Gavel Awards to 7 volunteers

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Golden Gavel Award recipients Lucia Linda Blanco-Maratita, Donald R. Cohen, Bernadita B. Dela Cruz, Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, Suzanne M. Steffey, Joseph L.G. Taijeron, Jr., and Robert Tenorio Torre pose for a photo with Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, Justice Alexandro C. Castro, and others during the Law Day Proclamation signing.

As part of its Law Day Proclamation, the Supreme Court honored seven individuals that have sacrificed their time and energy to further the CNMI High School Mock Trial Program. The court awarded the Golden Gavel Award to Lucia Linda Blanco-Maratita, Esq., Donald R. Cohen, Bernadita B. Dela Cruz, Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, Suzanne M. Steffey, Joseph L.G. Taijeron, Jr., Esq., and Robert Tenorio Torres, Esq. These individuals have made tremendous contributions to the mock trial program for over ten years.

In 2000, Blanco-Maratita, who had recently returned to the CNMI from law school to practice law in the Commonwealth, encouraged Tinian to create a mock trial team. Under her guidance, Tinian High School won the CNMI High School Mock Trial Competition and represented the CNMI at the national championship competition in South Carolina. Blanco-Maratita has continued to coach Tinian High School and has taken that team to nationals five times.

Cohen has served as the teacher coach for Marianas High School for over a decade. He has passionately led the MHS teams in the CNMI High School Mock Trial Competition. Cohen has seen the MHS team become a contender—the last two years MHS has placed as the runner-up in very competitive final rounds. This year, MHS received the most individual awards and the Supreme Court Professionalism Award.

Dela Cruz began volunteering shortly after the inception of the program. She has, throughout those years, filled numerous roles of increasing responsibility and has performed all tasks necessary to ensure a smooth and fair competition. This year, Dela Cruz joined the program's steering committee and has taken on the added responsibilities of that role. There, she and CNMI Bar Association executive director Suzanne Steffey, who is also a member of the program's steering committee, led the fundraising initiative for the mock trial program. Steffy has assisted in the program's organization and planning for the last 10 years.

Guerrero and Taijeron are coaching this year's CNMI mock trial champion, Mount Carmel School at the National High School Mock Trial Championship. Guerrero has coached Mount Carmel School's team for over a decade. Taijeron began coaching Mount Carmel in 2003. This pair of Golden Gavel Award recipients has led the Mount Carmel team to the national championship five times.

In 1999, Torres coached Mount Carmel School's championship team in the CNMI's first mock trial competition. Torres has since coached Saipan Southern High School and, most recently, Grace Christian Academy. He has also served as an instructor at the Judiciary's Mock Trial Academy and as a mock trial judge.

"The Golden Gavel Award was awarded by the Supreme Court this year to recognize the great contribution these seven individuals have made to the program," said Mock Trial coordinator Sheila Trianni.

The Mock Trial Program has countless volunteers that have given thousands of hours over the life of the program. In addition to the volunteer coaches, the program would not be possible without the volunteers that assist in planning and organizing the competition.

"The Supreme Court appreciates all of the time, effort, and passion these recipients, and all of the volunteers in the program, have contributed over the past eighteen years," said Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro. ***(PR)***

Chamber now seeking applicants for Educational Scholarship Fund

One of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's goals is to promote and enable postsecondary education and to publicly acknowledge and reward the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of deserving students.

The Chamber recognizes that the cost of postsecondary education is substantial. It is for this reason that the Chamber continues the tradition of its Educational Scholarship Fund.

The Educational Scholarship Fund provides a one-time monetary award in the following categories: Four (4) high school scholarships, One (1) college scholarship, and one (1) Pellegrino Vocational scholarship.

Hard copies of the Chamber scholarship applications are available at the Chamber office and can also be delivered to schools. Applicants are encouraged to complete the application and submit them on or before 5pm on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Scholarships will be awarded at the monthly General Membership Meeting on June 1, 2016. Chamber Scholarship information is also available on our website, www.saipanchamber.com.

For more information please call the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone)

for

Saipan Globe International Group Ltd.
DBA: Saipan Michael Hotel

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Saipan Globe International Group Ltd, dba: Saipan Michael Hotel, is requesting to rezone Lots 001 B 42, 008 B 16, 008 B 22/ 23/ 24, 008 B 48, and 008 B 50 in San Roque from "Rural," "Village Residential," and "Village Commercial," zoning districts to "Tourist Resort" zoning districts. The applicant wishes to construct and operate a hotel & resort facility. These lots are located west of Chalan Pale Arnold, north of the former Plumeria Hotel, and south of San Roque Elementary School.

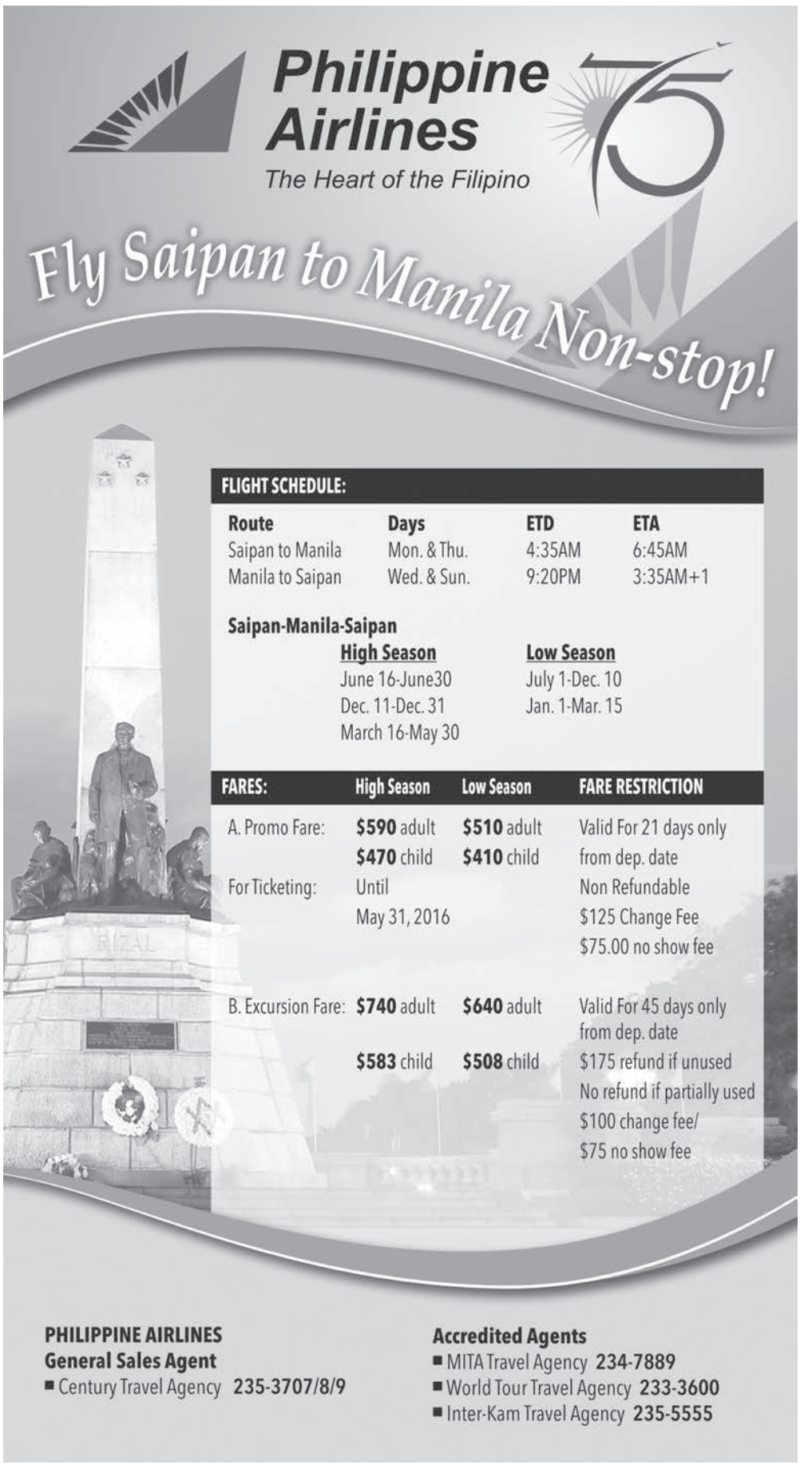
A public hearing will be held on:

Date: June 10, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Multipurpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, June 8, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman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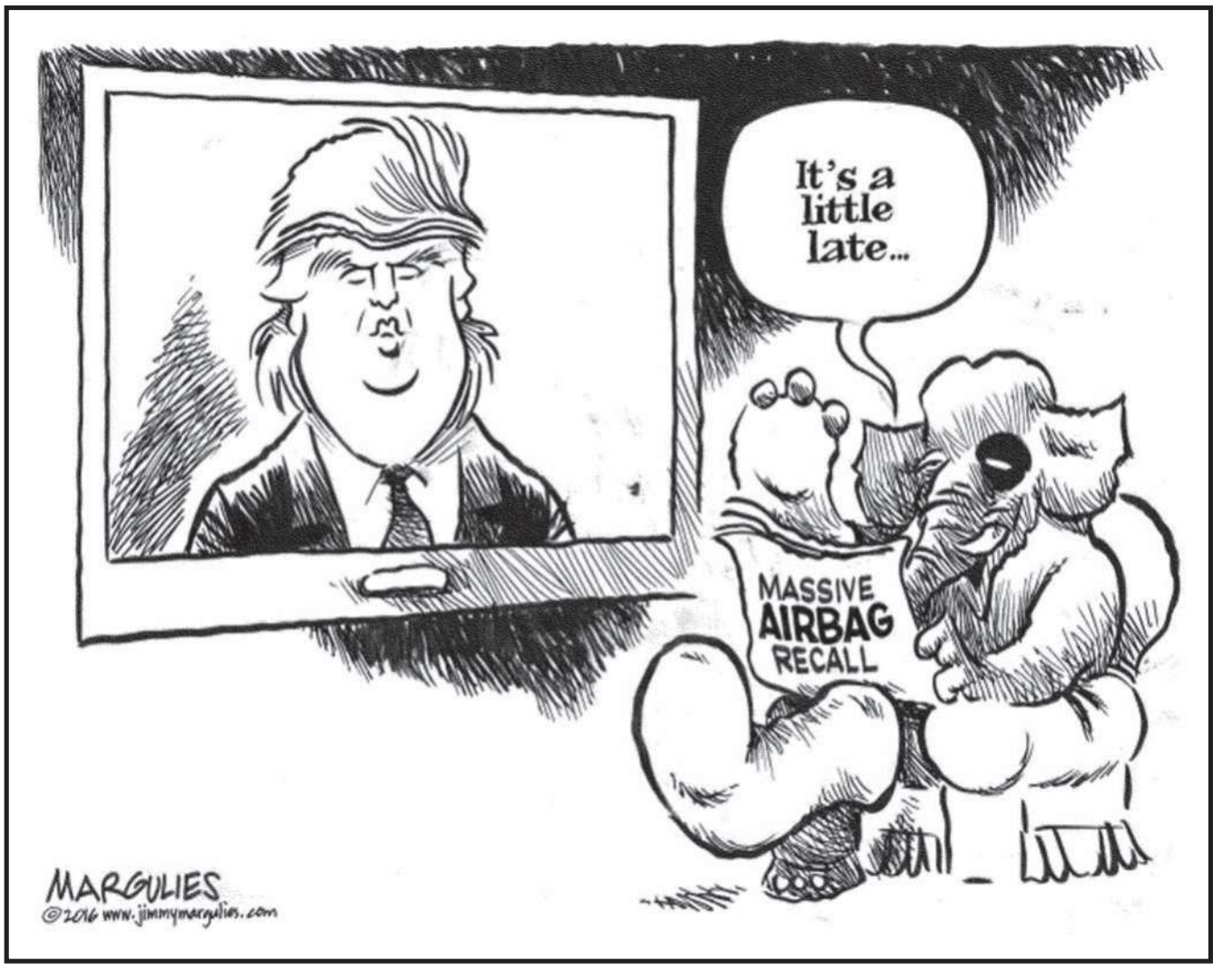

EDITORIAL

Military repression halts progress: So much for paradise in Thailand

Thailand is an exotic destination for travelers and a big Southeast Asian economy, but it has an ugly side. Freedoms there are under siege from a heavy-handed military government that intends to rule indefinitely.

While Thailand has a shaky political history, the country ramped up its commitment to free markets and free elections in the 1990s, a development that was good for the country and the rise of democracy in Asia. For a while you could put Thailand in the same basket as South Korea, Taiwan and Indonesia — each a positive example of how economic liberalization can lead to political liberalization.

These days Thailand is defying that model. The Thai military seized power in 2014 for the second time in a decade, damaging the country's chances of securing a stable, representative government. Rather than rebooting and trying again for democracy, Thailand's army seems determined to keep order by keeping power.

This is a mistake with far-reaching consequences. The instability is messing up Thailand's export-driven economy because investors are leery of putting money in a country that looks untrustworthy. For U.S. interests there is a larger concern: whether undemocratic Thailand might drift into China's orbit. Certainly the Thai military government today has more in common with Beijing than Washington.

In March, Thailand's rulers, led by a former general, unveiled a proposed constitution that would keep the country firmly in the junta's grip. How? Through control of an appointed senate, which would have far-reaching powers, including the ability to name a general as prime minister.

The government will put the constitution to a vote in August, but the gesture looks bogus. A few days ago Thailand implemented a draconian law outlawing any aggressive campaigning — for or against — the constitution. Not surprisingly, the government quickly filed charges against a group of people who criticized the draft constitution, saying they used "foul and strong language" on Facebook. Those arrested face up to 10 years in prison.

So much for encouraging debate about the new constitution, or for respecting the public's role in guiding Thailand's future. Any Thais not getting this message risk a chilling punishment: detention in a government camp. The U.N.'s human rights chief says 85 people have been called in by the authorities this year for "attitude adjustment" sessions.

There was plenty imperfect with Thailand's political system before the army took charge. Former leader Thaksin Shinawatra, a divisive billionaire businessman, was ousted in a 2006 coup and fled the country. His best hope for a return came when democracy was restored and his sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, was elected prime minister. But she

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Trump can sell a more entertaining story than Hillary

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By conventional rules, Donald Trump should lose to Hillary Clinton in a landslide. But if God were enforcing the conventional rules, Trump would be brooding atop his midtown Manhattan aerie, wondering how he came in last behind James Gilmore.

This has to terrify Clinton. She knows how to run against a normal Republican. Unfortunately for her, a normal Republican isn't on the menu.

How would Trump win? The same way he won the primaries: by selling a more entertaining story.

About three years ago, the eponymous "Ace" from the legendary Ace of Spades HQ blog wrote a brilliant little essay on "The MacGuffinization of American politics."

"In a movie or book, 'The MacGuffin' is the thing the hero wants," Ace writes. "Usually the villain wants it too, and their conflict over who will end up with The MacGuffin forms the basic spine of the story."

The Maltese Falcon in "The Maltese Falcon," the Ark in "Raiders of the Lost Ark," the daughter in "Taken": These are all classic MacGuffins. Alfred Hitchcock apparently argued that it doesn't really matter what the MacGuffin is, so long as the hero wants or needs it and it sounds important enough to justify the hero's efforts. In "Mission Impossible 3," we don't even find out what the MacGuffin is, beyond being something very dangerous called "the Rabbit's Foot."

Ace's insight was that the mainstream media covers Barack Obama as if he were the hero in a movie (with Republicans as the villains, of course). Whatever Obama wants — Obamacare, unconstitutional immigrant amnesty, the stimulus, a deal with Iran — isn't important to a worshipful press corps. Whether policies are good or bad, lawful or unlawful, is kind of irrelevant. What matters is that the hero wants something.

"Watching (MSNBC's) Chris Matthews interview Obama," Ace wrote, "I was struck by just how uninterested in policy questions Matthews (and his panel) were, and how almost every question seemed to be, at heart, about Obama's emotional response to difficulties — not about policy itself, but about Obama's Hero's Journey in navigating the plot of President Barack Obama: The Movie."

I think something similar has been at the root of Trump's success. I can't bring myself to call him a hero, but many people see him that way. Even his critics concede that he's entertaining. I see him as being a bit like Rodney Dangerfield, constantly complaining he doesn't get enough respect.

Regardless, Trump bulldozed his way through the primaries in part because the nomination was his MacGuffin and people wanted to see the movie play out. Many voters, and nearly the entire press corps, got caught up in the story of Trump — much the same way the press became obsessed with the "mythic" story of Obama in 2008. People just wanted to see what happened next.

In the film "Wag the Dog," a Hollywood producer and a political fixer conspire to get the president re-elected by concocting a fake international crisis in which an American soldier is taken hostage. They agree that the American POW has to be returned after the election. Why? Because as Robert De Niro's character explains, that's the final act of the story. The president needs to win the election for the audience to see the end of the story. "Psychologically," De Niro says, the voters "will understand that that's the bargain. Make them pay for him … the price is their vote."

This could be terrible for Clinton. She began her campaign thinking she could stage a remake of The Obama Story the way they're remaking "Ghostbusters": same plot, only this time with women. It doesn't work that way. Fair or not, the story of Hillary Clinton: First Woman President isn't as exciting as Barack Obama: First Black President. And, more to the point, The Hillary Story is far less entertaining than The Trump Story. Clinton is boring. She's as fun as changing shelf paper on a Saturday afternoon. Meanwhile, who wouldn't want to see a sequel to "Back to School" in which the Rodney Dangerfield character becomes president?

Clinton is rich, and morally and ethically corrupt. So is Trump. But at least he's entertaining. Everyone suspects they know what President Hillary Clinton: The Movie would look like. Trump: The Movie? That could be a wild ride.

Clinton's best bet is to tell voters it would be a horror movie so terrifying, no one will want to see it. I'm not buying tickets to either show come the fall. But I'll be following the promotions closely.

Check against delivery

By PETER MAURER
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Peter Maurer is president of the International Committee of the Red Cross. This is a speech he delivered during United Nations Security Council Briefing last May 3 in New York, USA.

A couple of months ago, I stood in front of a four-story building.

It was really more a shell of a building, completely bombed out, burned out, ripped apart, steel cables sticking out from the load-bearing walls, rubble all around.

The only indication that this once used to be a hospital was a surgical lamp, miraculously still attached to the ceiling of the second floor.

I was in Syria, but I could just as well have been in Afghanistan, in South Sudan, or in Yemen.

It's a painful paradox that in times of greatest need, the availability of healthcare is at its lowest. In a war, people are injured, malnourished, and sick. Yet, the greater the need for medical treatment, the more difficult it is to obtain such treatment, because the few places and persons that can help, come under attack.

The ICRC found that within three years, 2,400 attacks against patients, health personnel, facilities and transports occurred in 11 conflict-affected countries. That's more than two attacks per day, every day, for three years. And it is only 11 countries we were looking at.

Last year, the World Health Organization announced that 60 percent of health care facilities in Syria have been damaged or destroyed, while 25,000 people are wounded every month.

In Yemen, the ERC Stephen O'Brien said, that after a year of fighting, one quarter of the country's health services had been destroyed or shut down.

In Afghanistan, in 2015, the ICRC registered a 50 percent increase of incidents against health staff and facilities, compared to the previous year. That means one incident every three days, without considering how many incidents go unreported.

Not always, but far too often, these incidents, attacks and destructions, constitute outright violations of international humanitarian law.

It is no coincidence that the very first Geneva Convention, in 1864, pertained to the amelioration of the condition of the wounded and sick. To be precise, the wounded and sick in armed forces in the field.

As wars and armed conflicts have evolved from open battlefields to urban areas, and from pistols to mass shelling and bombardments by air forces, the wounded and sick are no longer just those in uniform.

The wounded and sick now include Ramish, who was nine years old when he stepped on a mine in Afghanistan. They include Mathilde, who was raped by fighters, while she was harvesting her fields together with her husband in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They included the wife of Khaled, in Syria, who died during childbirth, because there was no midwife or doctor to tend to her. And they include all the nameless patients in the hospital I mentioned at the beginning.

These are just a few examples of the human beings, and their stories, that the staff and volunteers of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement are confronted with in the field, every day, around the world.

They show the impact of war on people, but more importantly, they show that medical treatment and healthcare at large are crucial in times of war.

International humanitarian law therefore specifically protects medical personnel, facilities and transports, precisely because they are indispensable in times of war. Not doing so, risks multiplying the impact on health systems, which in turn risk unraveling, with an impact far beyond the region concerned, a burden on future generations.

Attacking a hospital, threatening a doctor, coercing a nurse to give preferential treatment to armed fighters, hijacking ambulances, using patients as human shields – these are not collateral damage. These are not sad realities, we have to get used to.

They are abominations to fight and trends to roll back.

The direct effects on healthcare facilities, personnel and transports are grave, yet the indirect effects go even deeper.

When an MSF hospital in Yemen's Saada province was destroyed in October 2015, it meant that 200,000 people instantly lost access to vital medical care.

Five years into the war in Syria, the entire city of Rastan has one dentist left – for 120,000 people.

Today, the reality in too many war-torn countries is that if you don't die of shelling or fighting, you die because there is no dialysis equipment, no diabetes medicine, no antibiotics and no heart disease treatment.

Death rates by communicable and non-communicable diseases often surpass death rates by weapons. This, for us humanitarians is an indicator that we are not confronted with mere temporary disruptions but with system disintegration. It is not just a hospital or a doctor affected: entire health systems unravel under the attacks on health facilities and personnel.

The medical sector – alongside water, power, and education infrastructure – is often first in line to collapse under the cumulative impact of warfare, particularly in urban areas. Where a lot of people live closely together and depend on infrastructure and public services that are all intertwined, the effects of attacks and destruction are greatest.

The ICRC, in a recent study, has summarized its experience with the successive disintegration of urban services for people in today's conflicts. What we see from the study is that humanitarian assistance is always insufficient to cope with the progressive dismantling of social services over time; what is needed is a fundamental change of behavior in warfare.

The humanitarian consequences of the cumulative impact that results, when essential infrastructure – like hospitals – is annihilated, must be taken into account when balancing military necessity against the protection of civilians.

It is not true that the guiding principles of the conduct of hostilities in warfare are wrong or outdated: they rather need to be interpreted differently in today's environment. Much more weight has to be given to the impact on civilians and their protection in order to counter the decade-long trend, through which civilians bear the brunt of armed conflict or even become the very objective of attacks.

Beyond the immediate, when attacks and destruction of health infrastructures occur, efforts to reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, and the fight against diseases such as polio are wiped out in a matter of seconds. Rebuilding what has been destroyed will take years, if not decades. International humanitarian law and humanitarian action play a critical role as guarantors for developmental progress. If they are violated, this function unravels, and healthcare services are particularly vulnerable.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I want to commend this Council for passing resolution S/2016/380 today. I know from my own experience as the Swiss representative to the UN, that every word – every comma actually – has been carefully weighed and negotiated.

And the result is strong: in clear language, you underline the importance of international humanitarian law, you call on States and all parties to armed conflict to comply with their obligations and develop effective measures to protect people's lives by preventing and addressing violence against medical personnel, facilities and transports, and humanitarian personnel exclusively engaged in medical duties.

This resolution marks a momentous step in the international community's efforts to draw attention to a problem that we otherwise risk getting used to through the sheer frequency of its occurrence.

We have not yet been desensitized by these attacks, because we are still outraged after every attack.

But after outrage must come action, not complacency.

So while this resolution is an important step, it must not mark the end of a political process, but the beginning of a practical effort.

I ask you to build on the momentum of this resolution.

States, and non-State armed groups, must respect their obligations under IHL.

Ladies and gentlemen,

You all know the ICRC as an inherently pragmatic institution. We recognize the dilemmas that exist in times of war, and we recognize the difficult balance between military necessity and humanitarian imperative, between principles and pragmatism, between short and long-term concerns, between our role as advocates for victims and as interlocutors of parties to conflicts to mitigate the effects of warfare on civilians and civilian infrastructures.

We are committed to principled pragmatism: norms and accountability for such norms are only one side of the medal; condemnations are first and foremost political, not humanitarian acts. As humanitarians, we engage, to change behaviors, to prevent violations of IHL, and thereby protect people.

As you know, we engage with everyone, who can make a difference, and the first in line are medical practitioners themselves.

Therefore, together with the World Medical Association, the International Committee of Military Medicine, the International Council of Nurses the International Pharmaceutical Federation, the International Federation of Medical Student's Associations and the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, we drew up Ethical principles of health care in times of armed conflict and other emergencies.

These organizations represent 30 million healthcare professionals from the civilian and military realms, who now have a practical tool to guide them in their daily work.

Actually, several members of this Council already know firsthand how we work, because we have built, jointly, a constructive relationship of deep operational engagement, and feedback, dialogue and corrective measures with regard to the conduct of hostilities.

I am here today, not to cry outrage, but to offer the ICRC's help and constructive engagement to move out of the deep contemporary crisis of health systems in armed conflicts.

I would like to propose to you five work streams to ensure that the resolution you adopted today is not only text, but also a spirit that is respected, in the midst of war:

1. Align domestic legislation, and encourage other States to follow suit, in line with obligations under international law and with ethical principles of the medical sector;

2. Train military personnel to minimize disruptions to healthcare services, while safeguarding legitimate security concerns;

3. Support local healthcare organizations to maintain minimum service, through tailor-made solutions;

4. Improve the legal protection for patients and healthcare workers, by ensuring the proper use of protective emblems, enhancing legal protection for medical ethics, and addressing violations;

5. Ensure that every weapons transfer is done with an assurance to respect IHL, and targeted trainings that focus on the protection of medical personnel and facilities.

As an organization working on the frontlines of conflicts, we take the resolution you adopted as a critically important political signal and as an encouragement to bear fruit on the ground. As a neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian actor, we are aware that ours cannot be the task to use the resolution, or IHL in general, as part of a public argument indicting counterparts for violations of norms.

Frontline negotiations will need skilled negotiators seeking the consent of parties in order to create an environment, in which the key objectives of this resolution can be concretized and implemented through practical agreements amongst belligerents. We need to be cognisant of the tension between the political guidance the Council is offering today on such an important issue and the practical challenges in contexts of war which frame the work of humanitarian actors on the ground. This is an additional reason, if need be, that a regular exchange between this Council and frontline organizations like MSF and the ICRC are of critical importance.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I told you about the destroyed hospital I saw in Syria a few months ago. What I didn't tell you is that since its destruction, doctors, nurses and volunteers continue to work in the basement of the hospital.

Once a space to stock materials, it has been transformed into a micro-version of a hospital. In one former storage room, premature babies lie in a few, generator-powered incubators that weren't demolished by shelling. The hospital may be all but destroyed, but humanity still lives on.

Humanity in war is what we demand. Even wars have limits, because wars without limits are wars without ends. Healthcare personnel and facilities are the outer frontier of these limits. Today, with this resolution, you reaffirmed the relevance of the laws of war, the basic humanitarian consensus enshrined in the Geneva Conventions.

To demand they are respected, through practical measures, is the most decisive next step this Council can take, to ensure humanity in war is a reality, and not just an ideal.

Thank you.

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was kicked out of office before the army took over in 2014.

The most important figure in Thailand is neither a political leader nor a general. It's the country's revered but ailing monarch, 88-year-old King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who has sat on the throne since 1946. The military likely wants to be in control when the king dies to protect its future role. That complicates Thailand's path back to democracy, Walter Lohman, an Asia expert at The Heritage Foundation, told us.

Clearly the biggest losers are the Thai people, forced to live under a regime that is repressing dissent and driving away prosperity. The U.S. has pulled back on its relationship with Thailand. Exports are contracting and direct foreign investment was down nearly 80 percent last year. The country is going backward. If Thailand's leaders want to turn that around, they'll affirm a commitment to democracy — by scrapping the proposed constitution, for starters. More likely, it will fall to Thai voters to summon the strength to reject this undemocratic measure.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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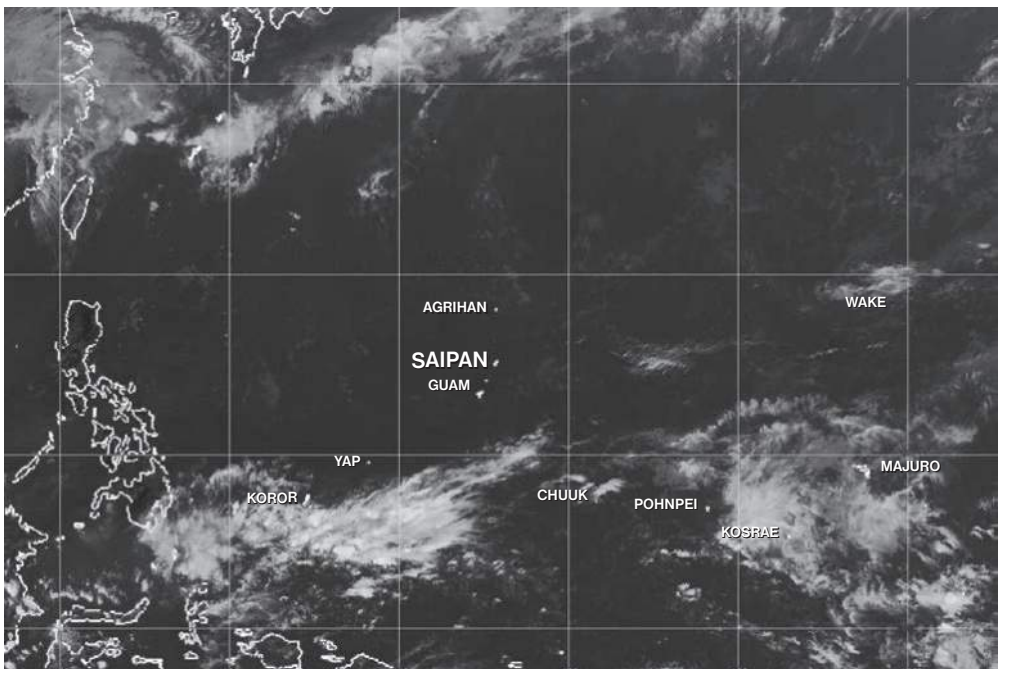

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Moderate to fresh trade winds dominate across Micronesia. Areas where the trade winds are converging in either speed direction or both are creating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in several places. The first is across Palau and south of Yap between 5N and 9N from 130E to 141E. The second is south of the Marianas between 7N and 11N from 141E to 149E. The third covers most of Chuuk state and southern Pohnpei state within 180 miles of a line from 8N150E to EQ157E. The fourth is east of Kosrae and south of Kwajalein between 2N and 8N from 167E to 171E and the last is between a line from 9N170E to 5N180 and 10N which is north and east of Majuro. A surface trough just north of Wake Island is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 21N and 25N from 166E to 171E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
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Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe

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Moonrise/Moonset

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UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Rota JROTC Drill Team continues its 2016 winning streak

Rota's Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior Senior High School's JROTC drill team continued its winning streak at the Golden Bear West Coast Nationals Drill meet in Torrance California two weekends ago. The team earned the privilege to represent the CNMI Military Support Unit in the Unarmed category by winning the overall Unarmed championship last February on Saipan.

Golden Bear West Coast Nationals Drill meet is organized into two categories. The first level is a Novice level, somewhat similar to Junior Varsity in sports. The second level is the Varsity level, for the more experienced teams. Each of the levels have two categories: Armed (ie with weapons) and Unarmed (ie, without weapons). There were a total of 45 schools competing this year, representing Air Force, Army, Marine Corp, and Navy JROTC programs from the Western United States. Everyone trains all year with the goal of winning a trophy from this prestigious Drill Competition.

Rota' JROTC team, under the leadership of Major Merle Hoskins, United States Army Retired, and assisted by Leadership Corp instructor Edwin Orilla, placed 2nd in the Overall Unarmed Sweepstakes, First in Unarmed Varsity Regulation, 2nd in Unarmed Varsity Color Guard Drill, 2nd in Tapout, 3rd in Unarmed Varsity Exhibition, and 4th in Unarmed Varsity Commander. Rota placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the three team events entered at the Golden Bear.

Major Hoskins' challenge to the drill team at the beginning of the school year: "We do not go to participate—We go to win." Seven months and countless of practice hours later, they won.

He said, "This win validates the concept that to win you have to practice, you have to sacrifice, you have to work hard and you must never, ever, ever give up. I am so proud of this team, their commitment, their ability to set a goal and make the commitments of time, energy, and effort to be winners."

Major Hoskins added, "It was a wonderful experience for our students. They learned the value of hard work, and experienced the reward for their effort. They are the epitome of JROTC students. They are good citizens, they work hard and realize the results of their effort. Their efforts and accomplishments are what other cadets and students should emulate."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Back row from left, Georna Barnicas, Britney Atalig, Jezzel Candia, Janiah Manglona, Richelle Aldabe, Loreville Clitar, Rezeil Camacho, Christian Hocog, Zyrus Manglona, and Major Merle Hoskins. Front row from left, Annie Mae Mendiola, Rita Atalig, Glengela Guiang, Angelly Guiang, Mary Heather Jingco, Keonie Hocog, and Eddie Cestona.

Rota's Varsity Regulation Team: 1st Place

Commander: Cadet Major Glengela Guiang.

Team Members: Christian Hocog, Xyrus Manglona, Keonie Hocog, Reizel Camacho, Georna Barcinas, Britney Atalig, Angelly Guiang, Mary Heather Jingco, and Janiah Manglona.

Rota's Varsity Color Guard Team: 2nd Place

Commander: Cadet Captain Rezeil Camacho.

Team Members: Keonie Hocog, Angelly Guiang, and Janiah Manglona.

Rota's Varsity Exhibition Team: 3rd place

Commander: Eddie Cestona.

Team Members: Richelle Aldabe, Britney Atalig. Rita Atalig, Rezeil Camacho, Jezzel Candia, Loreville Clitar, Angelly Guiang, Glengela Guiang, Keonie Hocog, Mary Heather Jingco, Janiah Manglona, and Annie Mae Mendiola. ***(PR)***

Search and rescue partners save 10 boaters in 2 separate cases near Kahala

HONOLULU—The Coast Guard, Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services and Honolulu Fire Department personnel rescued 10 boaters in two separate cases off Kahala, Oahu, Sunday.

In both cases responders were able to locate all survivors, bring them aboard response craft and get them to safety.

At 10:04 a.m. the Coast Guard overheard Ocean Safety personnel responding to a report of a 15-foot vessel taking on water with three people aboard a mile and a half south of Kahala. Ocean Safety located all three boaters, took them aboard their jet skis and brought them to shore.

A 45-foot Response Boat-Medium crew from Coast Guard Station Honolulu was on site to provide assistance. Crews were unable to successfully dewater the capsized vessel and it remains partially submerged, unlighted and adrift. A broadcast notice to mariners has been issued alerting those in the area of the potential hazard to navigation.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources has been notified. The owner of the vessel is expected to attempt salvage. The small vessel reportedly has an outboard with a 15-gallon gasoline tank.

At 10:36 a.m. HFD requested assistance from the Coast Guard to respond to a report of an overturned canoe with seven people aboard off Kahala, a mere 100-yards from the first response location. The Coast Guard crew safely recovered all seven people onto the RB-M and transported them safely to the Ala Wai Boat Harbor.

Crewmembers from the Honolulu Fire Department righted the canoe and towed it toward Ala Wai Boat Harbor, before being relived of the tow by a good Samaritan who brought the vessel safely into the harbor.

No injuries or pollution were reported from either case.

"We've had an incredibly busy day for search and rescue cases throughout the Hawaiian Islands," said Petty Officer 1st Class AJ Labarr, a duty watchstander from Coast Guard Sector Honolulu. "Our partnership with local emergency responders like Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services and the Honolulu Fire Department allow all of us to work together seamlessly in these type of situations and save lives."

Early Sunday, the Coast Guard responded to a report of three boaters in distress off Kauai. A Coast Guard Station Kauai RB-M crew safely recovered them and brought them to Port Allen. One man was mildly hypothermic. For more information and imagery of that case please click here or visit https://goo.gl/5brzXO. ***(PR)***

Emma, Noah once again Social Security's most popular baby mames for 2015

For the second year in a row, Emma and Noah are America's most popular baby names. This marks the third year at No. 1 for Noah and the second for Emma. There are two new names in the top 10 this year—Benjamin and Harper, the first time either name has ever reached such heights. Like a name, Social Security is with you through life's journey. For future parents who need some inspiration and help with naming their baby, Social Security is unveiling a new baby names quiz at Social Security Matters, the agency's interactive blog located at http://blog.socialsecurity.gov. At the blog, people can find information on retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, online services, and much more. It also is a place where the public can engage in conversations with the agency about what matters most.

Here are the top 10 boys and girls names for 2015:

	Boys:	Girls:
1)	Noah	Emma
2)	Liam	Olivia
3)	Mason	Sophia
4)	Jacob	Ava
5)	William	Isabella
6)	Ethan	Mia
7)	James	Abigail
8)	Alexander	Emily
9)	Michael	Charlotte
10)	Benjamin	Harper

For all the top baby names of 2015, to check out the new quiz, and to find where your own name ranks, go to Social Security's website, www.socialsecurity.gov.

As she does each year on Baby Names Day, Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin encourages everyone to visit the agency's website, have fun with the baby names list, and create a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov. my Social Security is a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries can have instant access to their benefit verification letter, payment history, and complete earnings record by establishing a my Social Security account. Beneficiaries also can change their address, start or change direct deposit information, and print a replacement SSA-1099 online. People receiving Social Security can request a replacement Medicare card online.

Individuals age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can also sign up for a my Social Security account to get their personalized online Social Security Statement. The online Statement provides workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement.

The agency began compiling the baby name list in 1997, with names dating back to 1880. At the time of a child's birth, parents supply the name to the agency when applying for a child's Social Security card, thus making Social Security America's source for the most popular baby names.

Each year, the list reveals the effect of pop-culture on naming trends. This year's winners for biggest jump in popularity in the Top 1,000 are Alaia and Riaan.

Alaia jumped 2,012 spots on the girls' side to number 664, from number 2,676 in 2014. Perhaps this can be attributed to high fashion designer Azzedine Alaia, or maybe it is because of Alaia Baldwin, the model/daughter of actor Stephen Baldwin.

Riaan increased 1,360 spots for the boys, from number 2,286 in 2014 to number 926. Of Indian origin, it is also the name of the young son of a well-known Bollywood actor, Riteish Deshmukh.

The second fastest riser for girls was Meilani. If you have ever watched MTV's "Jersey Shore," and maybe even if you haven't, you've heard of Jenni "JWoww" Farley. She gave birth to daughter Meilani in 2014. On a different American shore, out in Hawaii, is another well-known Meilani--Bethany Meilani Hamilton, the professional surfer whose story of surviving a shark attack was documented in the movie "Soul Surfer."

For boys, it was Huxley (a brave new comeback for the late science fiction writer?).

Some other notable names in the top 10 biggest increase category, and some possible reasons for their newfound popularity:

Omari and Jabari for boys. Omari Hardwick is an actor, known for his roles in "Sparkle," "The A-Team," and BET Network's "Being Mary Jane." He currently stars in "Power," a popular cable TV series. Jabari Parker is a professional basketball player for the Milwaukee Bucks. He was the second overall pick in the 2014 NBA draft out of Duke.

Adaline and Zelda for girls. "The Age of Adaline" is a 2015 fantasy film starring Blake Lively, Harrison Ford, Michiel Huisman, and Ellen Burstyn. As for Zelda, maybe the legend continues to grow?

Please visit www.socialsecurity.gov to view the entire list. ***(PR)***

HASC passes FY17 National Defense Authorization Act

WASHINGTON, DC—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced that the House Armed Services Committee has favorably reported out H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, which authorizes and sets policy for the Department of Defense. The bill was reported to the full House of Representatives by a vote of 60 yeas to two noes. The FY17 NDAA authorizes approximately $543.4 billion for national defense programs as well as an additional $58.8 billion for overseas contingency operations. The bill moves to the full House of Representatives for consideration.

H.R. 4909 authorizes $7.7 billion for military construction, including $253.885 million for Guam that authorizes the full appropriations passed by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees earlier this month with an additional authorization for $5.2 million for the Reserve medical training facility for the Air Force Reserves. Military construction projects for Guam will support the Marine realignment as well as current operations which include the hardening of select military facilities. See the full table below.

During the full committee markup, Bordallo led an effort to strike an amendment that would provide the DoD with broad authority to prevent the designation of federal properties as National Historic Landmarks, World Heritage Sites, or as listing on the National Register of Historic Places, without input from local communities. Congresswoman Bordallo believes that community input is critical and that local concerns should be heard and considered by the DoD during the process. She argued that the process currently works as intended and cited concerns raised in Guam to prevent the development of a live-fire training range near Pagat to support the Marine realignment. She believes that local communities should have a voice in the designation of historic areas and DoD should not be able to circumvent the process.

Bordallo also worked with Republican leadership to include report language to address the high rates of denial of H-2B visa renewal applications on Guam. The NDAA bill report will include language that expresses the committee's concerns that these denials could impact ongoing and future projects on Guam and directs the DoD to work with federal agencies to ensure that hat H-2B visa applications are appropriately processed and that there is sufficient workforce to meet construction demands.

Bordallo also successfully worked with her Republican and Democratic colleagues on the Armed Services Committee to include provisions important to Guam that were passed by the Readiness Subcommittee last week. These includes holding the DoD accountable to its "net negative" policy; promoting an increased role for the Guam National Guard to support permanent basing of the THAAD battery on Guam; lifting restrictions on funding for civilian infrastructure projects on Guam; and promoting invasive species prevention and management in the Asia-Pacific region.

"This year's NDAA is a critical vehicle for providing our men and women in uniform and their families with the tools and support they need to accomplish their missions. However, I do have concerns with certain elements of the bill, particularly that it does not end sequestration so that we can provide the Department of Defense with certainty over the budget for planning purposes. This lack of certainty risks our national security interests over the long-term.

"I am, however, pleased that the bill addresses issues important to Guam relating to the realignment of Marines as well as for improving cooperation between our civilian and military community. In particular, I am pleased that the NDAA authorizes $253.885 million for military construction projects on Guam, further lifts restrictions on funding for civilian infrastructure funding, and holds the DoD accountable to their "net negative" policy. The bill will also take steps to address invasive species and provide a greater role for our Guam National Guard for the deployment of the THAAD batter on Guam. This will provide more jobs for our community and cost savings to the Army.

"I also appreciate the cooperation of my Republican colleagues to include language to resolve the denials of H-2B visa denials, which are having a negative impact on our construction and health industries. While I strongly encourage the hiring of local employees, our current workforce is not able to fully fill these positions, and we let labor shortages impede progress that we continue to make.

"As the bill moves to the full House of Representatives, I will work with my colleagues to protect our Guam provisions and ensure that all our service members have the resources they need."

Provisions impacting Guam are outlined below:

■ Addresses high rates of denial of H-2B visa renewal applications on Guam by directing the DoD to work with relevant federal agencies to ensure Guam as an adequate workforce to meet labor demands. The language notes that specialized labor needs, particularly for construction, are needed to support the Marine realignment;

■ Lift restrictions on funding for the development of civilian infrastructure related to the realignment of Marines from Okinawa to Guam. The provision authorizes the use of funds for infrastructure projects that were identified in the Economic Adjustment Committee report issued in October 2015, including the construction of a cultural repository, public health lab, and further upgrades to Guam's water and wastewater system;

■ Holds DoD accountable to its "net negative" policy by requiring the Navy to report to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees on the status of implementing the policy. The report should include the total number of acres of real property controlled by the Navy on Guam as well as the process to determine lands to be returned to the Government of Guam in accordance with the "net negative" policy;

■ Requires DoD to provide a briefing on the feasibility of re-establishing port calls by Taiwanese Naval vessels in U.S. ports during their annual training exercises. The potential for port calls is consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act and could enhance theater security cooperation plans;

■ Requires a quarterly report from the DoD on Freedom of Navigation Operations consistent with the recommendations of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission which help to ensure we are making clear the U.S. position on China's reckless actions in the South China Sea. This was an amendment co-sponsored with Congressman Randy Forbes, a co-chair of the Congressional China Caucus with Congresswoman Bordallo;

■ Expresses a Sense of Congress' supporting senior military exchanges between the United States and Taiwan. Increased engagements would further develop the bilateral relationship and encourage the sharing of knowledge, training, and experiences. This was also a bipartisan effort with Congressman Forbes.

■ Promotes an increased role by the Guam National Guard to support the permanent basing of the THAAD battery on Guam. The Committee encourages the Department of the Army and the National Guard Bureau to explore integrating the Guam National Guard in the security force mission of the THAAD, and to ensure that there are adequate resources budgeted in FY18 to support a joint Active Duty-National Guard concept for the THAAD on Guam;

■ Promotes invasive species prevention and management in the Asia-Pacific region by requiring a briefing on the Regional Biosecurity Plan on recommendations at will minimize the harmful ecological, social, cultural, and economic impacts of invasive species. The briefing will help to hold the Department of Defense and other federal agencies accountable for providing sufficient funding for the successful implementation of this plan;

■ Authorizes a review of service records for each military department of Asian American and Pacific Islanders who served during the Vietnam War and earned the Distinguished Service Cross but may be eligible for the Medal of Honor. The provision will correct an oversight of the FY02 NDAA which authorizes similar review for Jewish American and Hispanic American war veterans;

■ Directs a briefing on how the Department of the Navy is implementing guidance regarding the clearance of unexploded ordinance in Guam, including impacts on cost and schedule of construction projects. It also tasks the Navy with briefing Congress on an update on technology demonstrations as well as other procedural or policy modifications that may be under consideration to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of munitions clearance;

■ Directs the Marine Corps to assess technology available and determine the feasibility of incorporating safe, environmentally sound technology into their training ranges to ensure the safety of its personnel and the community while maintaining training requirements. The language seeks to reduce pollutants that may pose environmental and safety concerns from projectiles and bullets;

■ Expresses the Sense of Congress that that the U.S. should continue to support trilateral cooperation with Japan and South Korea. The provision also calls for continued support for defense cooperation between Japan and South Korea on the full range of issues related to North Korea, as well as non-proliferation, cyber security, maritime security, security technology and capability development, and other areas of security mutual benefit.

■ Supports the President's Budget request MQ-4 Triton Navy Unmanned Ariel Vehicle (UAV), and adds funding to procure an additional MQ-4 to meet Navy requirements;

■ Supports the President's Budget request for the Long-Range Strike Bomber (LRS-B) program;

■ Provides an additional $6.7 million for the National Guard State Partnership Program to meet the National Guard Bureau requirement;

■ Provides an additional $1.2 million for the Sea Cadet Program to maintain reduced out-of-pocket for attendees;

■ Provides an additional $15 million above President's Budget for a total of $75 million for the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI). ***(PR)***

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele, right, showcases the 2016 Hyundai Tucson GL to offered as a hole-in-one prize at the Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Pictured from right on May 6, 2016, at the dealership are Triple J sales manager Ben Lizama, Triple J Finance and Insurance manager Miles King, Triple J sales associate Manny Salas, Marianas Tourism Education Council chair Vicky Benavente, Triple J Saipan Marketing manager Iliana Pacheco, Marianas Visitors Authority board member and tournament director James Nelson, and Steele.

Business

One winning ticket sold in $429M Powerball drawing

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Powerball officials say one ticket sold in New Jersey matches all six numbers in the Powerball drawing worth $429.6 million. The winning Powerball numbers are 5-25-26-44-66, the Powerball number is 9. The numbers were drawn Saturday night for a jackpot that is the largest since a record $1.6 billion payout in January. The spokeswoman, Kelly Cripe, said the exact location of where the winning ticket was sold should be known later Sunday. Here are some things to keep in mind about the drawing and future jackpots.

START WITH THE ODDS

At one in 292.2 million, everyone from lottery officials to a helpful math teacher will explain that the odds of winning aren't good, but it's still hard to fathom. Just keep this in mind: You have a much better chance of being killed in an attack by bees in your lifetime, at one in 64,706, than winning the Powerball jackpot.

BUT EVENTUALY, SOMEONE WILL CASH IN

Even with such bad odds, a winning ticket or tickets will eventually be sold. That's because about 323 million people live in the United States, and when the jackpot balloons, a lot of them buy a lot of tickets. In January, more than 75 percent of the possible 292.2 million combinations were sold for the astronomical prize.

HOW DOES POWERBALL WORK?

The drawings are at 10:59 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesdays and Saturdays, when five of 69 white balls are drawn from a drum, along with one of 26 red balls from another drum. Match all the numbers and you're suddenly very wealthy. Smaller prizes are paid if you match the Powerball or at least three of the white balls. The jackpot starts at $40 million and increases until there is a winner. Each ticket costs $2, and players can pay an extra $1 to increase the smaller prizes they might win.

IMPROVING THE ODDS

With high hopes, people often buy 25, 100 or more tickets, or they might join an office pool. They're right that buying more tickets increases their chance of winning, but not by much. To really increase your odds, you'd need to buy hundreds of thousands or millions of combinations, and even then you'd probably lose.

Undoing the damage of a toxic work environment

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: I recently left a company where the environment was extremely toxic. Management had a group of favorites, and anyone outside the inner circle could quickly become a target. There was absolutely no trust among the staff. Because our behavior was constantly scrutinized, I never dared to voice an opinion about anything.

Fortunately, my new company has a totally different culture, with managers who are encouraging and helpful. However, I can't seem to get over my previous experience. I frequently feel paranoid and find it difficult to trust anyone. How can I forget the past and become a normal employee?

A: The aftermath of working in a toxic organization can be similar to post-traumatic stress. Many people carry the emotional baggage to their next workplace, where fear-based reactions can easily damage new relationships and create a self-fulfilling prophecy. So you need to fix this problem as quickly as possible.

Fortunately, you have already taken the first step towards recovery by recognizing that your self-protective impulses are no longer rational or necessary. Next, you can begin to modify your behavior by identifying the specific situations which trigger your anxiety. This will allow you to decide in advance on a healthier response.

If you have helpful and trustworthy colleagues, you might even consider requesting some feedback, without elaborating on your earlier troubles.

For example: "One thing I really love about this company is the emphasis on teamwork. In my last job, collaboration was actually discouraged, and everyone operated independently. Now I'm learning to be a team player, so if I can improve, please let me know."

Altering established patterns can be tough. But if you become more open and trusting, your colleagues are likely to respond in kind, thereby reinforcing your new behaviors. Before long, you should begin to feel more comfortable in this warm and supportive environment.

Q: I recently got in trouble for playing a game on my cellphone. In the business club where I work, maintaining a professional image is extremely important. While working the registration table at a club event, I began playing the game during a slow period. One of our managers saw me and immediately emailed my boss.

Although I know my behavior was unprofessional, I believe this manager was out to get me. If he was so concerned about the club's image, he could have spoken to me personally and told me to put away the phone. Should I talk to my boss about the manager's hostile attitude?

A: The only thing you should tell your boss is that the game-playing was inappropriate and will never happen again. Criticizing the guy who reported you would just make a bad situation worse.

Correctly or not, this manager apparently felt that contacting your boss was preferable to approaching you directly. Mentally tagging him as "hostile" or "out to get you" will only lead to future problems. So instead of overreacting, put aside your resentment and just regard this incident as a valuable lesson learned.

Nation

For some Republicans, Trump-Clinton matchup is 'nightmare'

AP
In this May 5, 2016 photo, Alan Hunsacker, left, and David Bauer speak inside the furniture store where they work in Orem, Utah.

OREM, Utah (AP)—As the setting sun's light flooded a meeting of Utah County Republicans, Melanie Sorensen described her concerns about her party's presumptive presidential nominee.

First, she spoke about Donald Trump's suggestion that he may violate party orthodoxy and back a minimum wage increase. Then, she addressed his tendency to take different sides of the same issue. Then, the image he projects to the world.

"I'm certainly a 'Never Hillary' person but I may also be a 'Never Trump' person," said Sorensen, 42, a homemaker who spends countless hours volunteering for the GOP. "It's a nightmare. I'm living in a nightmare."

Voters in this slice of deeply conservative Utah are experiencing an acute version of the political panic attack that's gripped much of the GOP since Trump's remaining rivals dropped out last week.

Utah County, 30 miles south of Salt Lake City, was never going to support Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton. It's home to Brigham Young University, and 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney won 88 percent of its voters against President Barack Obama. But it's also the conservative heart of Utah, whose voters were among the most resistant to Trump in the nominating contest.

Penn State settlements covered 1971 Sandusky abuse claim

Penn State's legal settlements with Jerry Sandusky's accusers cover alleged abuse dating to 1971, which was 40 years before his arrest, the university said Sunday, providing the first confirmation of the time frame of abuse claims that have led to big payouts.

The disclosure came as Penn State President Eric Barron decried newly revealed allegations that former football coach Joe Paterno was told in 1976 that Sandusky had sexually abused a child and that two assistant coaches witnessed either inappropriate or sexual contact in the late 1980s. Paterno, who died in 2012, had said the first time he had received a complaint against Sandusky was in 2001.

Barron said the accusations were unsubstantiated, and suggested that the university is being subjected unfairly to what he called rumor and innuendo.

Responding to questions about the president's statement and claims against the school, university spokesman Lawrence Lokman told The Associated Press he could confirm that the earliest year of alleged abuse covered in Penn State's settlements is 1971.

Sandusky graduated from Penn State in 1965 and returned as a full-time defensive coach in 1969.

The university has paid out more than $90 million to settle more than 30 civil claims involving Sandusky, now 72 and serving a lengthy prison sentence for the sexual abuse of 10 children. The trial involved only allegations dating as far back as the mid-1990s.

The settlements, including the one covering the 1971 allegation, were reached after Sandusky's 2012 conviction. But few details have been provided on the payouts by either the school or lawyers for those who said Sandusky victimized them.

The allegations about Paterno and the assistant coaches were cited in a ruling last week by Philadelphia Judge Gary Glazer in litigation between an insurance company and Penn State over how much of the settlement costs the school must bear.

ACROSS THE NATION

Small plane crashes onto the roof of California building

POMONA, Calif. (AP)—A small plane has crashed onto the roof of a building in Southern California, sending one person to the hospital. FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said the single-engine Piper PA-28 went down under unknown circumstances Sunday afternoon and ended up on top of a commercial building in Pomona, east of Los Angeles. Two people were aboard the plane and one of them was taken to the hospital as a precaution, according to Melanie Flores, a supervising dispatcher with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. An aerial shot from a KNBC-TV news helicopter shows the nose of the plane punching a hole through the roof. There was no sign of smoke or fire. Gregor said the plane was heading to Brackett Field Airport in the nearby city of La Verne when it crashed.

Utah light rail train derails, hurts 4 passengers

SOUTH SALT LAKE, Utah (AP)—Authorities in Utah say four people were hurt Sunday when a Salt Lake City-area passenger train derailed. A spokesman for South Salt Lake police said at least two people aboard the light rail train were in serious condition after the derailment. Spokesman Gary Keller said in a news release all four were taken to local hospitals. A total of 14 people were riding when the train derailed. Utah Transit Authority PIO Remi Barron told the Salt Lake Tribune (http://bit.ly/1T6k2qU) it happened in a curve in the tracks about 2:30 p.m. It was unclear how long it would take to clear the tracks. Buses were being used in the area in the meantime. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Asia

Tough-talking mayor favored in PH presidential elections

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A foul-mouthed, crime-busting mayor is the man to beat in Monday's presidential election in the Philippines as voters weary of poverty, corruption and insurgencies in the hinterlands look for a radical change at the top.

Rodrigo Duterte, the mayor of the southern Davao city, has led in voter-preference surveys, with a bold promise to wipe out crime and corruption in three to six months if he wins. That has resonated among voters but also sparked alarm and doubts about electing someone with no national political experience and a tendency to make inflammatory remarks.

"All of you who are into drugs, you sons of bitches, I will really kill you," Duterte told a huge cheering crowd Saturday in his final campaign rally in Manila. "I have no patience, I have no middle ground, either you kill me or I will kill you idiots."

It is remarks such as these that have won him favor among the masses, and opprobrium among the political elite. Outgoing President Benigno Aquino III called Duterte a threat to democracy, as he campaigned for his candidate, former Interior Secretary Mar Roxas.

Three other candidates are vying to succeed Aquino in one of Asia's liveliest democracies. Besides, more than 45,000 candidates are contesting 18,000 national, congressional and local positions in elections that have traditionally been tainted by violence and accusations of cheating, especially in far-flung rural areas.

At least 15 people have been killed in elections-related violence and more than 4,000 arrested for violating a gun ban, according to police.

"Let us show the world that despite our deep passion and support for our candidates, we can hold elections that are peaceful and orderly and reflect the spirit of democracy," said Aquino, who cast his ballot after standing in line for more than an hour with other voters in a Manila constituency.

Commission on Elections Chairman Andres Bautista said no major glitches were expected in the voting despite the massive logistical challenges. About 55 million Filipinos have registered to vote in 36,000 voting centers across the archipelago of more than 7,100 islands, including in a small fishing village in a Philippine-occupied island in the disputed South China Sea.

North Korea willing to reconcile unless Seoul 'opts for war'

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korea's ruling party adopted a resolution on the third day of its first full congress in 36 years to strive toward a more prosperous and modern economy and stressed that it will push for the peaceful reunification of Korean Peninsula, but warned that if Seoul "opts for a war" its military will mercilessly wipeout all opposition.

The resolution was adopted by the congress on Sunday, but foreign journalists brought into the country to cover the biggest political event in North Korea in decades have not been allowed inside the meeting hall to see the proceedings and must rely on the North's state-run media, which has been reporting the events hours later, or even on the following day.

A Korean Central News Agency report Monday said the congress was to enter its fourth day after hearing a three-hour speech by leader Kim Jong Un the previous day reviewing the country's situation and progress since the last congress was held in 1980, before Kim was born.

In his speech, Kim announced a five-year economic plan, the first one made public since the 1980s, when his grandfather, "eternal president" and national founder Kim Il Sung, was in power.

The speech, in which he said North Korea was a responsible nuclear state that will not use its nuclear weapons first unless its sovereignty was threatened, underscores Kim's dual focus on building up the military while trying to kick-start the North's economy, which has seen some growth in recent years but remains hamstrung by international sanctions over its nuclear program.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Afghan official: 52 dead after buses collide with tanker

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Two buses and a fuel tanker collided Sunday on a major highway in Afghanistan, killing 52 people, officials said. Another 73 people who had been on the buses were wounded in the accident, which set all three vehicles ablaze, said Jawed Salangi, spokesman for the governor of the eastern Ghazni province. Records show the two buses were carrying a total of 125 passengers, Salangi said. "With 73 survivors out of the 125, 52 people are dead," he said, adding that the survivors had been transferred to hospitals.

Landslide buries 34 builders in southeast China; 7 rescued

BEIJING (AP)—Rescuers on Sunday searched for 34 construction workers missing in a landslide at the site of a hydropower project following days of heavy rain in southern China. Seven other workers were pulled out alive, officials and state-run media reported. Rocks and mud with a volume of 100,000 cubic meters (3.5 million cubic feet) buried an office building and the workers' living area at the site in mountainous Taining county in Fujian province around 5 a.m. Sunday, according to a website run by the county's Communist Party's publicity department. China's state broadcaster, CCTV, later reported that seven workers were rescued alive, with injuries including broken bones.

Gunmen kill rights activist in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A Pakistani police officer says gunmen riding motorcycles have shot and killed a rights activist and wounded two other people in southern port city of Karachi. Muqaddas Haider says four gunmen on two motorcycles attacked activist Khurram Zaki late Saturday at a roadside restaurant, where he was dining with a friend. The friend was wounded, as was a bystander. Police said Sunday it is not immediately clear who was behind the attack. Zaki, a former journalist, was best known for helping lead a campaign against Abdul Aziz, the cleric of the Red Mosque in Islamabad, a bastion of Islamic extremists. Zaki and other campaigners filed a court case charging the cleric with incitement against the country's Shiite minority.

World

Cooler temperatures, rain give firefighters hope in Canada

FORT MCMURRAY, Alberta (AP)—Cooler temperatures and light rain have officials optimistic they've reached a turning point on getting a handle on a massive wildfire that has devastated parts of Canada's oil sands town of Fort McMurray.

Alberta Premier Notley said the battle against the fire has stabilized to the point where she can visit and begin the next phase of the government's operation to determine what must be done to eventually allow people to return to the city. A massive evacuation of 25,000 residents displaced by the blaze also came to an end.

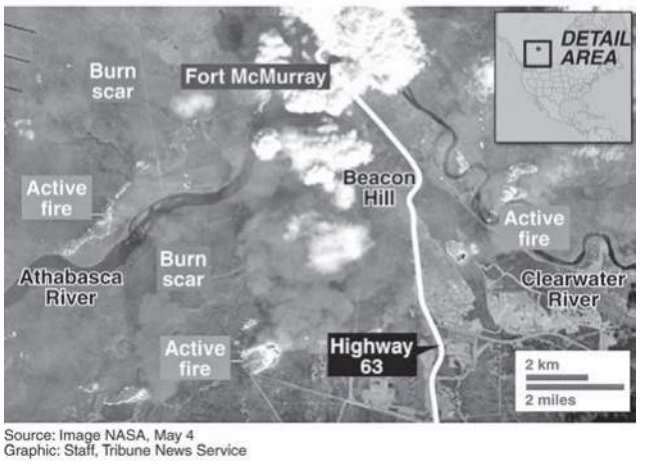
More than 80,000 people have left Fort McMurray in the heart of Canada' oil sands, where the fire has torched 1,600 homes and other buildings. Gas has been turned off, the power grid is damaged and water is not drinkable. Officials said there is no timeline to return residents to the city, but the provincial government is sending in a team on Monday to do preliminary planning.

David Yurdiga, the member of Parliament for the area, toured Fort McMurray Sunday and said he was now more optimistic.

"We'll be back on our feet a lot quicker than I thought we would be," he told reporters at the roadblock just south of the city. "All of the key infrastructure is in place. Our hospital is standing. Our schools are standing. Our treatment plant is functioning."

Convoy flees Canada wildfire zone

A convoy of evacuees began to move south on Highway 63 Friday morning. Meanwhile, a mass airlift of evacuees was expected to resume, a day after 8,000 people were flown to Edmonton. More than 80,000 evacuees have fled Fort McMurray.



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New prison for drug boss 'El Chapo' seen as less secure

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Questions arose on both sides of the border about the decision to relocate convicted drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman to a region that is one of his cartel's strongholds, and a Mexican security official acknowledged Sunday that the sudden transfer was to a less-secure prison.

The official said that in general the Cefereso No. 9 prison on the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, is not as impregnable as the maximum-security Altiplano facility near Mexico City where he had been held. The official wasn't authorized to discuss Guzman's case publicly and agreed to do so only if not quoted by name.

The official said, however, that Guzman is being held in a maximum-security wing where the same protocols are being enforced as in Altiplano, including 24-hour monitoring via a camera in his cell.

But Michael Vigil, the former head of international operations for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, wondered at the logic of sending Guzman to a lesser lockup in territory firmly controlled by his Sinaloa cartel underlings.

"It just doesn't make any sense," Vigil said. "He has that part of his empire, he has the infrastructure there and he has people who would assist him in terms of engineering him another escape."

Officials have not said why they chose Cefereso No. 9 over the 19 other options in the federal penitentiary system for Guzman's surprise, pre-dawn transfer in a high-security operation Saturday.

Some Mexican media have speculated it was a prelude to imminent extradition to the U.S., where he faces drug charges in seven jurisdictions. But authorities denied that.

Greek Parliament passes pension, tax reform bill

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece's Parliament in a narrow vote has approved a bill reforming the debt-ridden country's pension and tax systems.

The bill, introduced as part of the requirements the country must meet under its third international bailout, is set to increase social security and pension contributions, and raise taxes for most people.

The bill was approved by the 153 lawmakers of the ruling Syriza/Independent Greeks government coalition in an early Monday vote. All opposition parties in the 300-member Parliament voted against it.

The vote took place amid a crippling general strike and protests that briefly turned violent Sunday.

The government now expects that its creditors, which include the European Commission, the European Central Bank, the European Stability Mechanism and the International Monetary Fund, will move to lighten its debt burden, and that this will dominate the agenda of a meeting of the EU finance ministers in Monday's Eurogroup.

But the creditors themselves, with the notable exception of the IMF, are against forgiving part of Greece's massive debt. At most, they appear willing to discuss cutting the higher interest rates that will prevail after 2022 and lengthening the repayment period.

All of the creditors have put pressure on Greece for further austerity measures costing billions of dollars, including ones that would kick in automatically should Greece fail to achieve agreed levels of a primary budget surplus in 2018.

Focus

AP

Scissors used to cut open plastic bags containing heroin hang from a cable attached to a table in a room where addicts inhale heroin fumes in a clinic in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday, April 12, 2016. One of three injection sites in the Dutch capital, the facility distributes free heroin to long-term addicts as part of a government program created for hardened addicts who might otherwise commit a crime to pay for their fix.

Once unthinkable in US, drug shoot-up rooms get serious look

By DAVID KLEPPER
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Across the United States, heroin users have died in alleys behind convenience stores, on city sidewalks and in the bathrooms of fast-food joints—because no one was around to save them when they overdosed.

An alarming 47,000 American overdose deaths in 2014—60 percent from heroin and related painkillers like fentanyl—has pushed elected leaders from coast to coast to consider what was once unthinkable: government-sanctioned sites where users can shoot up under the supervision of a doctor or nurse who can administer an antidote if necessary.

"Things are getting out of control. We have to find things we can do for people who are addicted now," said New York state Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal, who is working on legislation to allow supervised injection sites that would also include space for treatment services. "The idea shouldn't be dismissed out of hand. I don't see anyone else coming up with anything new and innovative."

Critics of the war on drugs have long talked about the need for a new approach to addiction, but the idea of allowing supervised injection sites is now coming from state lawmakers in New York, Maryland and California, along with city officials in Seattle, San Francisco and Ithaca, New York, who note that syringe exchanges were once controversial but now operate in 33 states.

While such sites have operated for years in places such as Canada, the Netherlands and Australia, they face significant legal and political challenges in the U.S., including criticism that they are tantamount to waving a white flag at an epidemic that should be fought with prevention and treatment.

"It's a dangerous idea," said John Walters, drug czar under President George W. Bush. "It's advocated by people who seem to think that the way we should help sick people is by keeping them sick, but comfortably sick."

But proponents argue such sites are not so radical outside the U.S., pointing to examples where they offer not only a place to shoot up, but also health care, counseling and even treatment beds. In many cases, the users are there to shoot up heroin or dangerous opioids like fentanyl, though some take painkillers in pill form.

At Sydney's Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, more than 5,900 people have overdosed since it opened in 2001. No one has died. It's the same at Insite in Vancouver, British Columbia. About 20 overdoses happen there every week, but the facility, which is jointly operated by a local nonprofit and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, has yet to record a death.

"A big fat zero," said Insite site coordinator Darwin Fisher.

Sydney's facility is tucked between a hostel and a Chinese restaurant in Kings Cross, the city's red-light district. Aside from the security guard posted just inside the front door, it looks like a typical health clinic.

At least two staffers, including a registered nurse, monitor the injection room. They are not allowed to administer drugs, though sterile needles are provided. If a patient overdoses, the nurse delivers the antidote Narcan, which quickly reverses the overdose.

After users get their fix, they head to a second room with a decidedly warmer feel. Colored Christmas lights hang from the ceiling; books and magazines line the shelves. Clients can relax with a cup of coffee or tea or talk to staff. Some stay for 15 minutes; others spend hours. They exit through a back door to protect their privacy.

The center opened on an 18-month trial basis following a sharp increase in heroin use in Sydney. The trial was repeatedly extended by government officials until 2010, when it was granted permanent status. It's run by the social services arm of the Uniting Church and is funded by police-seized proceeds of various crimes.

A clinic in Amsterdam—one of three injection sites in the Dutch capital—goes even further, distributing free heroin to long-term addicts as part of a government program created for hardened addicts who might otherwise commit a crime to pay for their fix.

About 80 users visit up to three times a day. Most are men, and the average age is 60. Many began using in the 1970s and 1980s.

"We would ideally like them to cut back their use," said Fleur Clarijs, a doctor at the facility.

But, she said, the main objective of the facility is to reduce risk to users—and their effects on the community.

In Vancouver's seedy Downtown Eastside neighborhood, Insite offers patients treatment services just up the stairs from where they shoot up. About a third of Insite's visitors request referral to a detox program, the clinic said.

A woman who gave her name as Rhea Jean spoke to The Associated Press after recently injecting herself there. She felt nauseous and ran outside to the curb to vomit. Her face covered with scabs, the longtime heroin user looks far older than her 33 years.

"It's a great place for active users in full-blown addiction. It links you up to other programs," said Jean, who herself hasn't sought treatment through Insite.

A 65-year-old man who gave his name only as James because he's in a 12-step program that requires anonymity said he has been using heroin since age 22. He was clean for 17 years before relapsing; he said he was sexually abused as a child and spent 23 years in prison.

He keeps returning to heroin, he said, because it provides release from his problems. Insite is the one place he can go and be treated if he reacts badly to the drug, he said.

"They saved my life three times," he said, adding that addiction shouldn't be demonized.

"There's a large section of society that still refuses to accept it as a disease," he said.

The three clinics visited by the AP initially faced opposition from politicians and members of the public but gradually won support, in part because of studies showing reductions in overdose deaths and open-air drug use in the surrounding community.

A 2010 survey of residents and businesses in Kings Cross, for instance, found strong support.

Insite was targeted for closure by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservative Party. The case went to the Supreme Court of Canada, which in 2011 told the government to issue an exemption to the drug laws allowing Insite to operate.

"Insite saves lives," Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin wrote in the decision. "Its benefits have been proven. There has been no discernible negative impact on the public safety and health objectives of Canada during its eight years of operation."

Advocates in the U.S. have long discussed the potential benefits of injection sites—but they point to the tripling of heroin and opioid overdose deaths since 2000 as one reason why the suggestion is starting to get serious consideration.

The deaths of actors Philip Seymour Hoffman and Heath Ledger put celebrity faces on the risks of overdosing alone, and it was revealed recently that representatives for Prince sought help for his addiction to painkillers just a day before the musician was found dead.

In an effort to stay safe, some addicts are taking matters into their own hands. In Boston, after Massachusetts General Hospital equipped security guards with Narcan, the hospital began seeing an uptick in addicts shooting up in bathrooms and parking garages.

Elsewhere in the city, a nonprofit recently set aside a room where addicts can go after using drugs. The users can't inject there, but a nurse monitors those in the room and will intervene in case of overdose.

U.S. federal law effectively prohibits injection facilities, but supporters say that if a state or city were to authorize one, Washington officials could adopt a hands-off approach similar to the federal response to state medical marijuana programs.

Kevin Sabet, a former drug policy adviser to the Obama administration, put the chances of injection sites getting approval anytime soon at zero. He believes supporters want full legalization of all drugs and are exploiting the opioid crisis to advance their agenda.

California Assemblyman Tom Lackey, who served on the California Highway Patrol for 28 years, said he understands that supporters are looking for a new approach. But he has deep reservations about legislation in his state which would create clinics where users could use heroin, crack or other drugs.

"These facilities send a message that there is a safe use, and I don't think there is any safe use of heroin," he said.

In Maryland, state House of Delegates member Dan Morhaim is an emergency physician who himself has administered Narcan "many, many times." He sees his bill for supervised injection sites as just one of many creative approaches that will be needed to solve the heroin problem.

"It's not going to cure everyone," he said. "But moving people from more dangerous behavior to less dangerous behavior is progress."

Marianne Jauncey, medical director at Sydney's Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, said she would prefer better ways to help hardened addicts. Her facility will work to keep them alive until that happens.

"Given their histories," she said, "I think the least that we can do as a society is try."

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW: 2016 Chevy Camaro V-6 is leaner but fiercer

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TNS
The 2016 Chevrolet Camaro.

The Camaros that really stick to my ribs sound like battlefields on big wheels.

They thunder and roar—the ear-popping sounds of massive mechanical violence coursing through ground-pounding V-8s.

Solid, spicy food for the soul, I say.

Sorry, but I just find tamer, more civilized six-cylinder versions of the Camaro to be about as satisfying as a can of low-calorie green beans.

Once again, though, this strange, digi-babble century we're stuck in may force me to adjust my thinking and my ears.

Get this: The red 2016 Camaro that I tested recently sported a 3.6-liter V-6 with 335 horsepower, a six-speed manual, 20-inch wheels and a raspy exhaust system.

Even worse for my classic muscle-car friends, the six-banger Camaro can howl to 60 mph in 5.1 seconds, according to the clocks at Car and Driver.

What's next—autonomous electric pods on spindly wheels that deliver themselves to your house?

Probably. But in the meantime, I'm working to fully grasp the new Camaro.

As you may have heard, Chevy restyled the Camaro for 2016, carving away some of its blockiness and fat while preserving the basic 50-year-old shape.

It looks good to my boomer eyes, like an old friend that's been in the gym for the last two years.

The RS model I had still wore many of the lines from the last-gen Camaro, a car that resembled a '69 Camaro.

The new one, about 300 pounds lighter, seems leaner, meaner and more modern than ever.

Its small upper grille and skinny, angry-looking headlamps look more purposeful than the face on the previous Camaro.

Short overhangs front and rear maintain the car's street-fighter stance, enhanced by a slight muscular curve in the sides and a powerful shoulder over the rear wheels.

Moreover, the one I had clung tightly to good-looking 20-inch alloy wheels shod with 245/40 tires.

While I'm still getting accustomed to the relatively new horizontal taillamps, I was impressed by the huge dual exhausts that looked just like those on big-boy V-8 models.

I took it as a loud, proud statement from Chevy about its potent new six-banger Camaro.

Although the engine is the same size as last year's V-6, it benefits from a number of tweaks that give it 12 more horsepower and a bit more torque than the previous model.

Of course, what really helps is the car's loss of 300 pounds—an 8 percent reduction.

Despite the raspy six-pot exhaust sound—similar in some ways to the Infiniti 3.7 V-6—the Camaro seemed far more muscle car than econobox.

The engine felt almost like a V-8 in its initial surge away from a stop, pushing driver and passenger back into their seats.

But once I left the congestion behind and was able to get Western with the engine and fine six-speed gearbox, it seemed to run out of breath a bit over 5,000 rpm.

It wasn't a side-of-the-road gasp, mind you, but the motor did flatten out over the final 1,000 rpm.

Still, this engine is plenty stout, capable of 13.5-second quarter-mile runs and made even more pleasurable by a positive-shifting six-speed gearbox.

It also gets to propel a new platform—shared with the Cadillac ATS—that delivers the best handling I've felt in any Camaro.

The car sliced into corners with the abandon of a teenage athlete, holding a tight line with very little lean.

Push really hard and the rear-wheel-drive Camaro will drift lightly through curves, maintaining its balance and grip.

In addition, the car benefits from General Motors' growing ability to fine-tune steering units. (Remember when GM units had all the feel of a stick stirring paint?)

In sport mode, the steering was really quick, had the right heft for a vehicle weighing nearly 3,500 pounds and transmitted good feel from the road.

As you might guess, the Camaro's performance-oriented independent suspension provided a pretty fidgety ride around town, clomping and banging over big imperfections.

But it smoothed out nicely at highway speeds, which was a fine excuse to drive faster.

At $35,150, the Camaro struck me as pretty good bang for the buck. The next step up would be the tire-melting SS with its 6.2-liter V-8—and those go for around $47,000.

Just don't expect much sparkle inside.

The interior in mine was black, spare and somewhat improved from last year. However, like last year, it remains the Camaro's weakest link.

At least you won't have to worry too much about the area around the rear seats because no normal human can fit comfortably back there.

Save it for the friend who introduced you to your ex.

Though the black interior in mine felt as claustrophobic as ever, it looked a little better.

The top of the dashboard was pretty flat, looping around squared-off hoods over the tach and speedometer that had a sort of odd, intriguing reptilian feel to them.

As in previous Camaros, much of the right side of the dashboard was bare, occupied only by a small line of white stitching.

Meanwhile, an 8-inch display screen with Apple CarPlay capability was tilted slightly forward for reasons I never figured out.

For those of you into digital devices—presumably just about everyone but me—the Camaro offers 4G LTE Wi-Fi.

The front seats were above reproach, with perforated, sectioned centers and supportive bolsters.

But I've got to warn you: The top of the car is so low that the interior headliner was only a few inches off my head—and I'm what you might politely call diminutive.

In some intersections, I could barely see the traffic signal overhead.

That wouldn't deter me, though, if I were in the market for a new pony-car. Heck, it might even get you out of a ticket.

The fact is no Camaro in my experience has been this good overall.

If I were stroking the check, I wouldn't dwell on fuel economy. The salty six gets 18 mpg in town, compared with 16 for the road-burning V-8.

So if I could handle the much greater expense of the V-8, I would probably go with that engine.

But just the fact that the two engines are worthy of a debate now says a lot about the new Camaro.

Even I can't automatically nix a six these days.

NUTS & BOLTS

2016 Camaro RS

- Type of vehicle: Four-passenger (sort of), rear-wheel-drive, sports coupe
- Price as tested: $35,150
- Fuel economy: 18 miles per gallon city, 27 highway
- Weight: 3,469 pounds
- Engine: 3.6-liter, direct-injected V-6 with 335 horsepower and 284 pound-feet of torque
- Transmission: Six-speed manual
- Performance 0 to 60: 5.1 seconds

UNDER THE HOOD: How do 'run-flat' tires work?

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Q: I was just checking out my daughter's new car and was told it has run-flat tires. Can you explain how these work?

--Conner H.

A: Run-flat tires are designed so that, in the event of a puncture or the tires losing air, they can be driven up to 50 miles (or farther in some cases) at speeds below 50 mph. This allows the automaker to eliminate the spare tire and car jack, saving weight and space—and money. Run-flats can also bring peace of mind to folks who aren't comfortable with the idea of changing a tire along the road. Run-flats also offer greater vehicle stability should a sudden loss of pressure occur.

Stiffer and stronger sidewalls are how it's done. This does come at a price, as the heavier tire weight and stiffness somewhat affects handling and ride smoothness. There's also higher initial cost and, with certain brands, the tires are non-repairable. Shorter tread life seems the norm also, possibly due to a softer rubber used for the tread. Switching back to conventional tires isn't advised on some vehicle makes as the suspension systems are tuned for the stiffer sidewalls.

In a sports car or compact vehicle where a spare tire can't be done run-flats make sense to me. Given a choice, I'd prefer conventional tires or perhaps self-sealing tires. These feature conventional construction and include a sealing layer inside that can self-repair most tread area punctures. Continental and Pirelli both market self-sealing tires.

Q: My engine light goes on and off about once a week. I think I remember you saying this could only be fixed if the vehicle's acting up when I bring it in. Is this true?

--Wendy H.

A: Let's clarify how intermittent fault diagnosis might play out. Your vehicle's onboard diagnostic system will keep a diagnostic trouble code and engine data freeze-frame in memory for at least 40 drive cycles after a fault goes away. If you were to bring the vehicle in for repairs during this period, a technician could retrieve this information and determine the general area of the problem. A typical trouble code might indicate a fault in a circuit or component, an issue with a certain engine cylinder, incorrect air-fuel ratio, unacceptable fuel system vapor purging or loss, or perhaps an emission control device that isn't performing up to par.

The data freeze frame provides exact driving conditions at the time the trouble code was set. Driving the vehicle under the same conditions is the best way for a technician to duplicate the fault, and after repairs, to make sure it is fixed.

Unless the fault can be duplicated it's difficult, if not impossible, to accurately determine the cause. Throwing a part at the problem because of a previously stored code without a confirmed diagnosis is asking for a costly come-back. Do your best to establish a pattern or likely conditions that can help the technician duplicate the fault.

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Life & Style

'Captain America: Civil War' nabs fifth best-opening ever

LOS ANGELES (AP)—What superhero fatigue? Disney and Marvel's "Captain America: Civil War," the 13th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, has strong-armed its way to becoming the fifth-highest domestic opening ever according to comScore estimates Sunday.

The film grossed a massive $181.8 million this weekend, bumping "Iron Man 3" out of the top five all time debuts. "Civil War" now ranks right below "Marvel's The Avengers" and "Avengers: Age of Ultron," which hold the third and fourth place spots.

It's nearly double the opening of the previous "Captain America" film, "The Winter Soldier," which opened to $95 million in April 2014, but that is at least partially attributable to the fact that "Civil War" is basically an Avengers movie in disguise.

Directed by Joe and Anthony Russo, "Civil War" sees an ideological showdown between Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) and Captain America (Chris Evans) and is packed to the brim with Avengers old and new. It's been very well-received by critics and, now, audiences, who gave the film a promising "A" CinemaScore, which should bode well for the film's longevity. Audiences were 59 percent male and mostly adults. Teens made up only 11 percent of the audience.

After a $75 million first day, the opening was right in line with expectations, and according to comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian, is well on its way to becoming a $1 billion movie.

"We've become so accustomed to these massive numbers, now we're putting up single day numbers that would be very noteworthy opening weekends on their own," Dergarabedian said.

"Civil War" cost a hefty $250 million to produce but has already far-surpassed that thanks to a healthy international debut last weekend and a big bump from China this weekend. In sum, the superhero showdown has earned $678.4 million globally to date.

Actors Robert Downey Jr., from left, Jennifer Connelly and husband Paul Bettany attend a special screening of "Captain America: Civil War," hosted by The Cinema Society and Audi, at Brookfield Place, Henry R. Luce Auditorium on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, in New York.
AP

Great reviews and word of mouth will surely distinguish "Civil War" from "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice," which, by comparison, opened to $166 million in late March but fell sharply over the subsequent weekends. That film has earned $327.3 domestically million to date and this weekend placed 10th with $1 million.

As is to be expected when there's only one new wide release, the rest of films on the box office charts looked paltry in comparison. The only big change was that "Civil War" effectively ended the three week first-place run of Disney's "The Jungle Book" which came in second with $21.9 million, bringing its domestic total to $285 million.

Aside from the flop of "The Finest Hours" in January, Disney is having a great 2016 and this weekend surpassed the $1 billion domestic mark in a record 128 days. It took 165 days to reach that threshold last year. The Marvel element is a key portion of that and one that other studios are trying to match.

"The Marvel Cinematic Universe and the Marvel Studios team as led by Kevin Feige has really been a model for consistency in extraordinary storytelling," said Dave Hollis, Disney's executive vice president of theatrical distribution. "Kevin has established this interlocking, interwoven cinematic universe that is not just unprecedented in terms of its size and scale, but also it's really unparalleled in entertainment today, the $9 billion in business that they've done in 12 movies."

Hollis credits the continued and growing success of the franchise to Feige's commitment to quality and also the strategy of each year releasing one Marvel film that is familiar to audiences and one that is new. In 2015, that meant having an "Avengers" movie and "Ant-Man," and in 2014, it was a "Captain America" movie and "Guardians of the Galaxy." This year, the new element will be "Doctor Strange," which stars Benedict Cumberbatch and debuts in November.

"You couldn't have a better lead in for the summer," said Dergarabedian, who noted that Memorial Day weekend should also be quite significant with the release of "Alice Through the Looking Glass" and "X-Men: Apocalypse."

"Even though on paper it might not look as strong as last year, the summer of 2016 shouldn't be underestimated," Dergarabedian said.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "**Captain America: Civil War**," $181.8 million ($220 million international).
2. "**The Jungle Book**," $21.9 million ($24.1 million international).
3. "**Mother's Day**," 9 million ($3 million international).
4. "**The Huntsman: Winter's War**," $3.6 million ($4.2 million international).
5. "**Keanu**," $3.1 million.
6. "**Barbershop: The Next Cut**," $2.7 million.
7. "**Zootopia**," $2.7 million ($5.7 million international).
8. "**The Boss**," $1.7 million ($510,000 international).
9. "**Ratchet and Clank,**" $1.5 million ($500,000 international).
10. "**Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice**," $1 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "**Captain America: Civil War**," $220 million.
2. "**The Jungle Book**," $24.1 million.
3. "**Finding Mr. Right 2**," $13 million.
4. "**Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising**," $9 million.
5. "**Zootopia**," $5.7 million.
6. "**Phantom Detective**," $5 million.
7. "**The Huntsman: Winter's War**," $4.2 million.
8. "**Mother's Day**," $3 million.
9. "**Florence Foster Jenkins,**" $1.8 million.
10. "**Up For Love**," $1.7 million.

Decade later, Cosby could face accuser behind sex charges

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A decade after she last saw Bill Cosby, a Toronto woman could face the TV legend in court this month at a hearing in suburban Philadelphia on charges he drugged and molested her in 2004.

Prosecutors, though, may instead rely on Andrea Constand's police statement under an in-flux Pennsylvania ruling meant to spare victims the ordeal of repeated court appearances.

District Attorney Kevin Steele won't tip his hand on his strategy for the May 24 preliminary hearing in Montgomery County. Legal experts see advantages—and land mines—either way.

If Constand testifies, the defense is sure to grill the former Temple University basketball team manager about her close friendship with Cosby, her specific recollection of the night in question, and their continued phone contact in the year following the alleged assault at his home near Philadelphia.

"Normally, if it's a complainant critical to the case ... they should be there, should be cross-examined, to weed out cases that shouldn't go forward," said University of Pennsylvania law professor David Rudovsky, a veteran defense lawyer. "Whether they push the envelope to save her from cross-examination, I don't know."

Laws across the country are evolving to allow more hearsay evidence at pretrial hearings. In California, Wisconsin and other states, police can instead read witness statements into the record.

In Pennsylvania, trial lawyers say they've rarely seen sex-assault cases in which the victims don't testify at the preliminary-hearing stage. But it's become an option since a state appeals court ruled last year, in a case called Commonwealth vs. Ricker, that the constitutional right to confront one's accuser does not kick in until trial.

The state Supreme Court has recently agreed to review the case—but whether to uphold or overturn it is anyone's guess.

Some would therefore play it safe and have Constand testify against Cosby, who crafted a reputation as "America's dad" through his popular TV sitcoms and stand-up acts.

"I think it'd be dangerous for them not to, because if the Supreme Court overturns Ricker, they may have a problem," said Richard L. De Sipio, a former Philadelphia sex-crimes prosecutor who nonetheless sees the risk of subjecting Constand to cross-examination so early.

When Constand first came forward in January 2005, then-District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. considered the case unwinnable because she had waited a year to call police and stayed in touch with Cosby after moving back home to Canada. Castor concluded both parties could be portrayed "in a less than flattering light."

But the evidence that's emerged in the years since favors the prosecution. Dozens of other accusers have come forward. The long-married Cosby, now 78, admitted during the course of Constand's lawsuit that he had gotten drugs to give potential lovers.

And Constand, now 43, has evolved from an anxiety-ridden young woman living with her parents while she changed careers to a person who's confident in her own skin. She's an out lesbian, new age spiritualist, massage therapist and victims' rights supporter.

Cosby, in his deposition, said that he gave Constand three Benadryl tablets "for stress" before they engaged in consensual sex acts on his couch that night. Her lawyer believes the drug was something stronger and left her semi-conscious.

"No matter how badly she performs, some of the admissions he made in the deposition are devastating," said celebrity lawyer Mark Geragos of Los Angeles, who said courts recognize that victims who were drugged won't remember things clearly.

Any account she gives could still help the defense prepare for trial, however.

"You don't expect to win, but you freeze her testimony," Rudovsky said.

Steele waited to reopen the criminal case last year until he had Constand's blessing. Her lawyer, Dolores Troiani, has said she is ready for the court fight. That means battling a crush of cameras as well, given the national conversation about sexual consent and the global reach of Cosby's fame.

"There's raging debates about (consent), whether it's on campus or in the workplace, or 'no means no,'" Geragos said. "(And the case) does have celebrity, it does have sex, it does have drugs. The only thing missing is rock and roll."

Prince Harry, Michelle Obama help kick off Invictus Games

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Britain's Prince Harry and first lady Michelle Obama helped kick off the Invictus Games for wounded veterans with impassioned speeches Sunday night, joining other figures from the worlds of sports, entertainment and politics in a glittery opening ceremony.

The two-hour event included live performances by British singer James Blunt and soprano Laura Wright. Actor Morgan Freeman and former president George W. Bush sat in the audience at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Champion Stadium in Orlando.

Amid the celebrity star power, the spotlight shone on wounded former military members from 14 countries worldwide who as athletes are using sports to help with their rehabilitation, many after horrific injuries suffered in service to their countries.

Nearly 500 athletes will compete in the Paralympic-style sports competition over four days starting Monday.

AP

Flags of some of the participating nations are displayed during the opening ceremony for the Invictus Games, Sunday, May 8, 2016, in Kissimmee, Fla.

Radiohead releases new album 'A Moon Shaped Pool' digitally

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Radiohead's ninth studio album "A Moon Shaped Pool" is now available to purchase on iTunes and Amazon and streaming on Tidal and Apple Music. The groundbreaking rock group released two songs, "Burn the Witch" and "Daydreaming," online earlier in the week in a lead-up to the 11-track album's release Sunday

Physical copies of the album can be pre-ordered too, but won't be available until June 17.

Radiohead begins a world tour May 20 in The Netherlands. The band will visit New York and Chicago in July and California in August.

Their last album, "The King of Limbs," was released in 2011. It followed the experimental digital release of "In Rainbows" in 2007, where fans were able to pay what they wanted for the download.

'Just dance': Serena recounts taking part in Beyonce video

ROME (AP)—Beyonce told Serena Williams to dance and the tennis champion let loose.

Top-ranked Williams recounted Sunday how she came to have a part in the singer's video, "Lemonade."

Williams says, "I have known the director since I was like nine years old. I know Beyonce pretty well, so they were like, 'We would love for you to be in this particular song. It's about strength and it's about courage and that's what we see you as.'"

Williams' appearance came on the song "Sorry," which features Beyonce showing her man the stupidity of his cheating ways.

AP

In this Jan. 28, 2016, file photo, Serena Williams smiles during her semifinal match against Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia.

Williams says, "She told me that she just wants me to dance, like just be really free and just dance like nobody's looking and go all out. So that wasn't easy in the beginning, but then it got easier. ... I thought that particular song on the visual album was really a strong song, and it was also really fun at the same time."

Colton Haynes: 'Terminal anxiety' led to 'Teen Wolf' break

Former "Teen Wolf" star Colton Haynes says "terminal anxiety" is what prompted him to take a break from television.

The 27-year-old tells Entertainment Weekly in an interview published Thursday that he asked to step away from MTV's "Teen Wolf" and the CW's "Arrow," on which he had a recurring role, because he cared more about his "mental and physical health" than his career.

Haynes tells the magazine his anxiety was compounded in January when a reply to a blog comment was taken as him coming out. He says he's gay, but had never publicly spoken about his sexuality.

He says he checked into rehab for anxiety and was frequently in the hospital over the next three months.

Haynes says he's happy and healthy now and open to a return to his "Arrow" role.

Lauryn Hill will 'make it up' to fans after short concert

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Musician Lauryn Hill says she will 'make it up' to fans angry that she arrived over two hours late to an Atlanta concert Friday night and performed for fewer than 40 minutes.

Hill wrote on her Facebook page Sunday that she doesn't show up to shows late because she doesn't care, but because of the artistic process. The challenge, she said, is aligning her energy with the time.

The concert was held at Atlanta's Chastain Park Amphitheatre, which has an 11 p.m. noise curfew. Many in attendance expressed their outrage about the situation on social media.

In the note, Hill said that she will announce details of how she will make it up as she has them.

Hill's rep did not immediately respond to request for comment.

Readers give breast implants reviews both pro and con

DEAR ABBY: "Doesn't Want to Lose Him" (Dec. 16) wants breast implants, but her boyfriend is against it. I had breast augmentation at age 27 for the same reasons she wants them. I was flat-chested, and clothing, especially summer clothing, never fit or looked right.

My husband was supportive, and it turned out to be one of the best things I've done for my self-confidence. I not only became more outgoing, but my career also took off.

I want to urge "Doesn't" to talk to her plastic surgeon about her goals. She shouldn't allow herself to be pushed into a larger size than she feels comfortable with, and she shouldn't be unrealistic about how it will change her.

She implied that the surgery wouldn't alter who she is inside, but isn't that her goal— to have more self-assurance? She'll see a big change in her life. It will be gradual, but she'll become a more confident version of herself.

She should forget the boyfriend if he can't find it in himself to be supportive, because if she does get the implants, I predict that in a year, she will have outgrown him anyway. (Pun intended.)

KNOWS WELL IN SAVANNAH

DEAR KNOWS WELL: Thank you for your comments. Readers had various reactions to this letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I doubt that implants will give her anything more than a superficial boost in confidence, because external attractiveness is fleeting. I'd suggest she look inward for self-esteem rather than try to paste it onto her outsides. Values such as kindness, compassion, development of her talents, expanding her awareness and being of service to others will give her self-esteem to last a lifetime.

I've been small-breasted all my life and admit that sometimes I have wished I had more "up front," but now at 66, I have a healthy, fit body and have learned self-acceptance.

M.H. IN BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I was lucky my husband didn't have any objections. I had it done, but never expected the pain to be so bad. I felt better about the way clothes looked on me, but that feeling didn't last.

I recently had them removed because I suspected they were leaking (saline). They were uncomfortable. I could sleep only on my back. Running was not fun. They didn't feel natural and they didn't look great naked. I realized having them was a big mistake.

Afterward, I found out they HADN'T leaked; they had just "shifted." I feel better now and no one noticed anything. I've heard others love their implants, but I just wanted to let "Doesn't" know there are some women who regret having it done.

LEE IN HILO, HAWAII

DEAR ABBY: I wanted breast implants about 10 years ago because my proportions were off and clothes didn't fit well. My then-boyfriend tried to talk me out of it, but I didn't listen.

Abby, I have never once regretted getting implants. I'm happy, healthy and more confident. Looking back, I believe my boyfriend tried to talk me out of it because he was afraid of other men noticing me. He'd say things to make me feel self-conscious about my appearance. I suspect he knew I'd eventually wise up and the surgery would expedite it. Today, I'm married to a wonderful man who doesn't mind my assets at all.

HAPPY IN BRANDON, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: There's a strange irony here. The greatest challenge to the woman's self-esteem is her boyfriend -- not because he is against the implants, but because of the belittling way he talks to her. In keeping with her low self-image, she has chosen a mate who feels threatened by her desire to be more confident.

A nurturing boyfriend would lift her up more than any breast enhancement could. If she had a more supportive boyfriend, she would probably decide she didn't need the surgery. What a paradox!

JON IN BALTIMORE

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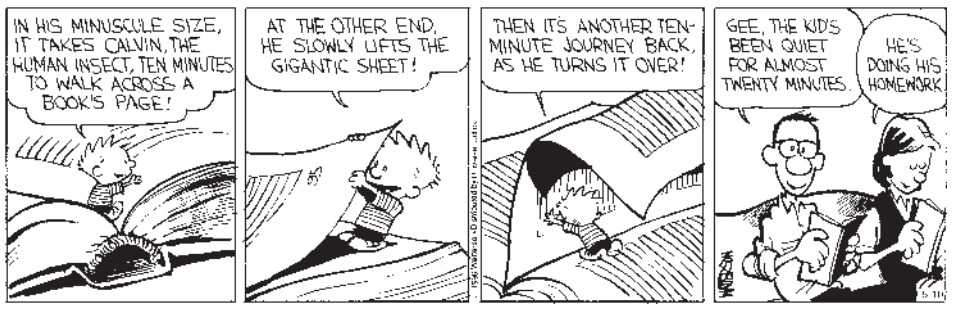
Pastimes

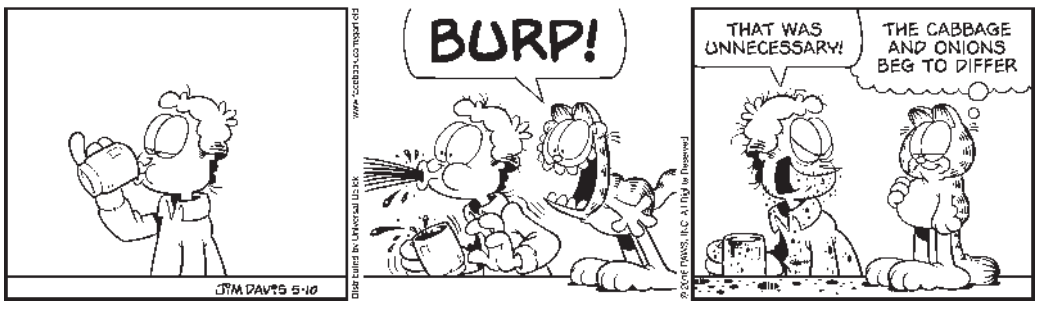
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


IN HIS MINUSCULE SIZE, IT TAKES CALVIN, THE HUMAN INSECT, TEN MINUTES TO WALK ACROSS A BOOK'S PAGE!
AT THE OTHER END, HE SLOWLY LIFTS THE GIGANTIC SHEET!
THEN IT'S ANOTHER TEN-MINUTE JOURNEY BACK, AS HE TURNS IT OVER!
GEE, THE KID'S BEEN QUIET FOR ALMOST TWENTY MINUTES.
HE'S DOING HIS HOMEWORK

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

I PICKED UP THAT NEW PONYBERRIES BOOK FOR YOU AT THE STORE.
NO WAY! THANK YOU!!
THE PONYBERRIES ADVENTURES ARE THE GREATEST LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR TIME.
I WANT TO LIVE IN THEIR MAGICAL REALM OF BERRY-SCENTED HORSES.
IT SOUNDS NICE.
NICE?? THE ADVANCES IN SCRATCH-N-SNIFF TECHNOLOGY MAKE THIS BOOK A GAME-CHANGER!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

YEAH, BOSS— ENO HERE...
JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M NO LONGER SICK, AND I'LL BE IN TO WORK TODAY.
IT'S KINDA SAD TO HEAR A GROWN MAN CRY SO HARD.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Sicilian spouter
5 Scratch
8 Speed
12 Boxer Max
13 "Simpsons" storekeeper
14 Taj Mahal site
15 Prickly shrubs
17 Paraphernalia
18 Obese
19 Temptresses
21 — operandi
24 French river
25 Seed coat
26 Lightweight shirt fabric
30 Scooted
31 Alda and Arkin
32 Manmouse link
33 Eateries with steamers
35 Stopwatch noise
36 Differently
37 Missile shelters
38 Frightens
41 Lemon
42 Temporary calm
43 George Eliot novel
48 California town
49 Swindle
50 Furniture brand
51 Make an entrance
52 "For shame!"
53 Circus structure

DOWN

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5 Beer ingredient
6 Mimic
7 Muscovites, e.g.
8 Capital of Croatia
9 Curved molding
10 Algerian port
11 Red Planet
16 Some coll. degrees
20 Doctrines
21 Artist Chagall
22 Spoken
23 Actress Merrill
24 Chicago airport
26 Paragon of elegance
27 Stir up
28 Not pizzicato
29 Tibetan herd
31 Competent
34 Arthurian wizard
35 Thing
37 Bottom line
38 Trudge
39 Stephen King pooch
40 Jai —
41 Like a dungeon
44 Two, in Acapulco
45 Scrape (out)
46 Lair
47 Dig in

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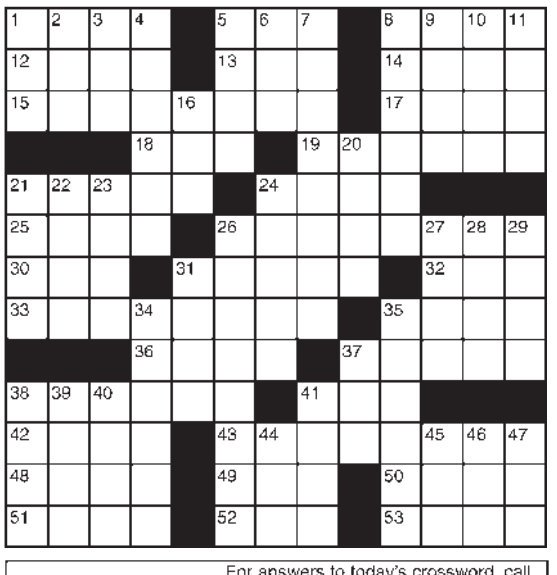

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Happy Birthday: The attention to detail you put into everything and the unique way you deal with others in order to get things done will bring good results. Honesty and integrity will enhance your reputation. Showing how much you care by speaking openly about the way you want to move forward will encourage a happy and productive home life. Your numbers are 5, 14, 17, 20, 26, 39, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Emotional impulses will get you into trouble. Take your time and think before you speak or take action. Concentrate on your work and don't complain. Finish what you start and don't share anything until you are satisfied with your results. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Do what feels right. Express your thoughts and feelings, and plan to live out your dreams. Opportunity will be yours if you move forward with optimism. Romance will help you build a strong connection with someone who shares your beliefs and goals. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't let anyone beat you at your own game. Trust will be an issue if you believe everything you hear. Keep your money in a safe place and don't disclose your status to others. Ulterior motives are apparent. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't hesitate—do your own thing. Enjoy being in the spotlight, and make a point to use your good fortune and position to make a difference. Speak your mind, and you'll gain popularity. Celebrate your victory with a little romance. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Observation will help you avoid making a mistake. Professional tasks will require your full attention. Someone will try to make you look bad. Learning a new skill or craft will lead to new beginnings. Put reliability first to maintain an impeccable reputation. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Live and learn. Keeping an open mind will help you pick up valuable information that will encourage you to take a chance on life, love and doing whatever it takes to achieve greater happiness. Romance will make your personal life more satisfying. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Pleasure trips, getting in shape and honing skills will help you get ahead. Don't let the actions of others cause emotional setbacks. It's up to you to make things happen. Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Make arrangements that suit you instead of trying to fit your schedule into everyone else's plans. Taking the initiative to do and say what matters most will draw attention and make someone you want to spend more time with take notice. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Get out with friends and family members or attend networking or matchmaking events that encourage personal or business partnerships. Don't exaggerate or indulge in excess, regardless of what others do or say. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Work from home or put in extra hours if it will help you earn more or encourage better investments. Romance is on the rise and making plans that will please someone special will bring high returns. A kind gesture will be appreciated. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Get in gear and make things happen. Check out your options if you don't like your current position. You are overdue for a change in your exercise regimen. Turn something you love to do into a profitable venture. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Your ability to manipulate a situation will cause someone to fight back. Know what you want and negotiate to win. Don't give in to blackmail or threats. Be willing to walk away and do your own thing. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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The managers and members of the assignor are Richard C. Yu, Jeselyn T. Yu and Robert F. Kellye, Jr.

The officers, directors and owners of the assignee are Cecilia H. Lifoifoi, Hoth Holdings and Sophia Alvarez.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of	:	**CIVIL ACTION**
MOHAN SIRUMAL HEMLANI,	:	**NO.: 16-0081**
Deceased.	:	

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pushpadevi Hemlani has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Mohan Sirumal Hemlani, deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on June 14, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the estate of Mohan Sirumal Hemlani, deceased, and to all persons claiming an interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the date of first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC., P.O. box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

DATED: May 4, 2016

/s/ Clerk of Court

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JVA No. 16-024

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Closing Date: Friday, May 13, 2016

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-008

Rehabilitation of the Tanapag Basketball Court

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Rehabilitation of the Tanapag Basketball Court**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **April 26, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **May 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Project Site, located at Tanapag, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **May 16, 2016** to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-16-IFB-008**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, May 31, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, May 31, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **May 31, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **June 07, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, June 09, 2016**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, May 31, 2016**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

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2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ **PETER P. CAMACHO**
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director of Procurement & Supply

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Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Storage and Distribution Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Shipping Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

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Freight Forwarding Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Cargo and Freight Agent (5)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

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Shipping and Receiving Clerk (4)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Accounting Clerk
High School graduate, GED, Associates degree or equivalent with at least 2-3 years bookkeeping or clerical accounting work experience in freight forwarding operation, sales or service related work. Associate Degree in Accounting, Auditing, Business Management or Finance an advantage. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Word Processor and Spreadsheet; and proficient with Accounting software such as SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) system, ERP system, and HR2 system).

Truck Mechanic
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

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Formal Auto Body Training in a Vocational School is required as well as a minimum of one-year experience in repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies' vehicle frames. Proficiency in automotive body painting is required.

Janitor
Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

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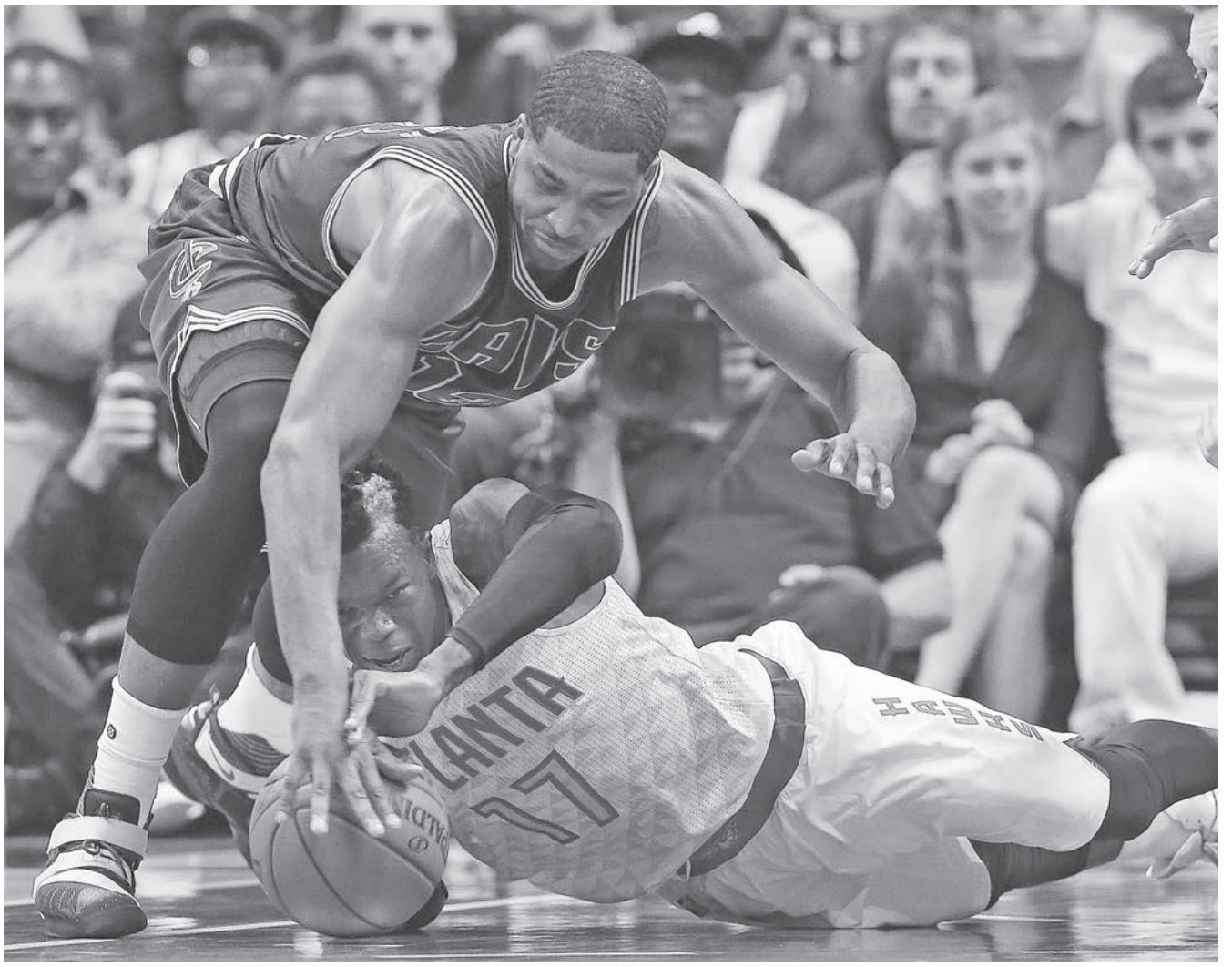
Love, James lead Cavs to another sweep



AP

Cleveland Cavaliers center Tristan Thompson (13) and Atlanta Hawks guard Dennis Schroder (17) vie for a loose ball in the second half of Game 4 of the second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, May 8, 2016, in Atlanta. The Cleveland Cavaliers won, 100-99.

ATLANTA (AP)—Cleveland's Big Three is on quite a roll.

Two playoff series, two sweeps.

Now, the Cavaliers get to rest up for the Eastern Conference finals.

Kevin Love scored 27 points, LeBron James knocked down a huge shot with 39.2 seconds to go, and Kyrie Irving turned in another dazzling performance to lead Cleveland past the Atlanta Hawks 100-99 on Sunday.

The Cavaliers finished off the second-round series with four straight wins, just as they did in the opening round against Detroit.

"This is more than I dreamed of," Irving said. "It's what I genuinely enjoy about basketball, playing with great guys."

When James returned to Cleveland after four years in South Beach, winning the franchise's first championship was the only goal that mattered. Love was acquired from Minnesota to complete the dynamic trio, but the Cavaliers came up short in Year 1 when both Love and Irving went down with injuries in the playoffs.

Now, fully healthy and finally comfortable together after some rocky moments, LeBron & Co. cruised into the conference finals to meet either Toronto or Miami. The Raptors lead that series 2-1.

"We're in a great rhythm right now," said James, who won two titles with the Heat and wants to bring one home. "We know exactly where we want to be on the floor."

Love carried Cleveland much of the game, hitting one 3-pointer after another as the Hawks continually left him open in the corner. He went cold down the stretch but still finished 8 of 15 from beyond the arc. He made only one two-point basket - with his toe on the stripe.

James and Irving finished with 21 points apiece. James also doled out nine assists, while Irving had eight.

The Hawks had one last chance to extend the series and put the ball in the hands of Dennis Schroder, who led the team with 21 points. The speedy point guard drove into the lane but was surrounded by James and Tristan Thompson. Schroder slipped and James tied up the ball, forcing a huge mismatch of a jump ball with 2.8 seconds left.

"I just tried to be aggressive,' said Schroder, who was at least hoping to draw a foul. "They didn't call it, so we can't take it back. We've got to live with that."

With a 7-inch height advantage on the jump, James easily flicked the ball toward the sideline. Paul Millsap wound up with it, flinging up a desperation shot, but it was after the buzzer and didn't go in anyway.

Cleveland launched into a raucous celebration on Atlanta's home court.

"We know Atlanta is a tough team, and the closeout game is the hardest game," said coach Tyronn Lue, who took over the Cavaliers during the season after David Blatt was fired.

This was a rematch of last year's conference finals, in which the Hawks were the top seed but got swept by the Cavaliers. With Cleveland seeded No. 1 this time, the result was the same. Atlanta Hawks had fourth-quarter leads in three of the four games but wasn't strong enough to finish, dropping to 0-12 in the postseason against the Cavs.

Schroder put the Hawks up 97-96 on a drive with 1:31 remaining. But James, after having one shot blocked and missing two tip-ins, got another chance when a video review overturned a call that Cleveland had knocked the ball out of bounds. Off the inbounds pass, Matthew Dellavadova found James streaking into the lane and Millsap was called for goaltending.

Even though the call stood after another review, Millsap insisted it was a clean block.

"I'll believe that all summer," he said.

Schroder's next shot was blocked by Thompson, and the Cavaliers isolated James on the wing against Millsap. James stepped back and hit the jumper, pushing Cleveland ahead 100-97. Schroder scored on a drive with 34.4 seconds left and James missed the potential clinching 3.

It didn't matter.

The Cavaliers buckled down at the defensive end and wrapped up the series.

Thunder 111, Spurs 97

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant went on a scoring spree that was spectacular, even by his standards.

The four-time NBA scoring champion matched his career playoff high with 41 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday night to tie the Western Conference semifinal series 2-2.

Durant had 29 points on 10-for-13 shooting in the second half. He scored 17 points in the fourth quarter, one more than the Spurs, and did it on 6-for-6 shooting.

"When you have a deep team, those 40-point nights—they don't come a lot," he said. "I'm just trying to be consistent in what I do, and I know in any given moment, I can go off and get a few shots."

Durant had plenty of help.

"My teammates did a great job of sticking with me and finding me and getting me easy baskets and screening for me and sacrificing their bodies, and I'm definitely grateful for it," he said. "After they do all that, it's on me to finish the shot and just stick to the fundamentals I've been practicing since I was a kid."

Russell Westbrook finished with 14 points and 15 assists, Dion Waiters added 17 points, and Steven Adams had 16 points and 11 rebounds for Oklahoma City. The Thunder shot 50.6 percent overall and 57 percent in the second half to avoid going back to San Antonio down 3-1 for Game 5 on Tuesday night.

"Durant got away from us," San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard said. "Westbrook did a great job getting his teammates involved. But (they) got those offensive rebounds when we'd get him to miss."

Tony Parker led San Antonio with 22 points, Leonard had 21, and LaMarcus Aldridge 20.

San Antonio led by 11 early in the second quarter, but the Thunder rallied and took a 45-44 lead on a 3-pointer by Durant with 1:47 left in the first half. The Spurs closed the quarter on a 9-0 run, with all the points coming from Leonard and Aldridge, to take a 53-45 lead at the break. Durant and Westbrook were a combined 6 for 21 from the field in the first half.

Blazers, Heat look to even series up at home in Game 4s

MIAMI (AP)—By definition, Portland and Miami are not yet facing must-win games.

It may seem otherwise.

Down 2-1 in their respective series, the last thing either the Trail Blazers or the Heat will want is to head out on the road later this week facing elimination. So in a pair of Game 4s on Monday—Portland plays host to Golden State as their Western Conference semifinal resumes, while Miami will entertain the Toronto Raptors in their back-and-forth East semis matchup— the home teams will face plenty of pressure.

"This is competition at its highest," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

The Miami-Toronto series has been extremely tight, with the Raptors outscoring the Heat so far 287-285. But it will have a much different look now, after a pair of MRI exams on Sunday sent both starting centers to the sidelines.

Toronto said it will be without Jonas Valanciunas for the rest of the series because of a sprained right ankle. Miami isn't sure how long it will be without Hassan Whiteside, who is listed as day-to-day with a sprained knee ligament.

"It's going to be small-ball with a smaller center," Toronto's Kyle Lowry said. "It's going to be a fun game."

And now the Raptors and Heat know who awaits: Cleveland finished off its sweep of Atlanta on Sunday, putting the Cavaliers back in the Eastern Conference finals for the second straight year.

Toronto won a road game on Saturday to take the lead in its series. Golden State will now need a road win to keep the lead in its series.

The Blazers got back into their matchup by taking Game 3 behind a 40-point effort from Damian Lillard. Portland became the first team to beat Golden State twice this season, and it's unknown if the Warriors will have MVP Stephen Curry back from his knee injury in time for Game 4.

A look at Monday's games:

Raptors at Heat, Toronto leads 2-1. 8 p.m., TNT.

The Raptors could be leading this series 3-0 right now.

Then again, so could the Heat.

It's rare that such statements would make any simultaneous sense, but in this case they seem to apply. The game that Toronto lost in this series came in overtime, a contest where Lowry and his backcourt mate DeMar DeRozan combined to shoot 12 for 35. The games that Miami has lost so far were ones where the Heat wasted fourth-quarter leads, a seven-point edge in Game 2 and a six-point cushion in Game 3.

Now it's up to Miami to find a way at home to knot the series.

Warriors at Trail Blazers, Golden State leads 2-1. 10:30 p.m., TNT.

Losing streaks don't happen to the Warriors.

Golden State is 10-0 in the games that immediately follow losses this season, winning those by an average of 15.8 points. Put another way, when the Warriors are annoyed, they respond—and usually emphatically.

"All it means is that we won a home court game," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "It was important to win it and it's going to be a tough game on Monday. To me, it wasn't an explosive game but we kept grinding it out a little bit."

It was more than a grind-out.

Ortiz hits 2 HRs in Red Sox's victory over Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — As usual, Big Papi was in the pink against the New York Yankees.

David Ortiz homered twice, passing Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski for second place on Boston's career list, and Steven Wright pitched a three-hitter as the Red Sox beat the Yankees 5-1 on Sunday night.

Swinging a pink bat and wearing pink wrist bands for Mother's Day, Ortiz hit two long solo shots off a struggling Luis Severino. And in his farewell season, the 40-year-old Ortiz has already been a major New York nemesis again: He has five home runs against the Yankees since April 29, giving him 52 in his career -- all but one with the Red Sox.

"I do what I do," the slugger said.

Dustin Pedroia lofted an early two-run homer and Xander Bogaerts also went deep for the Red Sox, who prevented a three-game sweep and won for the fourth time in six meetings with their longtime rivals this year.

Wright (3-3) walked one and struck out seven, sailing to his first complete game in 17 major league starts and lowering his ERA to 1.52. He was two strikes from a shutout, too, when Brett Gardner homered with two outs in the ninth inning.

The knuckleballer hardly got rattled, whiffing pinch-hitter Ronald Torreyes with his 101st pitch to end it.

"It definitely helps when the wind's not blowing as hard. There was a little bit of breeze but it was almost like throwing inside," Wright said.

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Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz watches his fourth-inning solo home run off New York Yankees starting pitcher Luis Severino in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, May 8, 2016.

Cubs 4, Nationals 3

In Chicago, the Chicago Cubs walked Washington star Bryce Harper a record-tying six times, then beat the Nationals when Javier Baez homered in the 13th inning Sunday for a four-game sweep.

The Cubs won their seventh in a row and improved the best record in the majors to 24-6. Washington lost its fourth straight.

Dodgers 4, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Chase Utley sparked a go-ahead, eight-inning rally with a leadoff walk against Drew Storen (0-2), Yasmani Grandal hit a tying sacrifice fly off Roberto Osuna and Howie Kendrick followed with a go-ahead single.

Joc Pederson connected for his sixth homer as Los Angeles took two of three.

Rangers 8, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Bobby Wilson broke a 2-2 tie in the eighth with a grand slam against the team that just traded him, helping Texas complete a three-game sweep.

After being shut out for seven innings by Justin Verlander, the Rangers broke through against relievers Justin Wilson and Mark Lowe (1-1) for seven runs in the eighth.

Indians 5, Royals 4

In Cleveland, Josh Tomlin (5-0) allowed four runs and seven hits in six-plus innings and became the first Cleveland pitcher to win his first five outings since Justin Masterson in 2011. Tomlin is 12-0 in 13 starts following a loss since the beginning of last season.

Carlos Santana and Mike Napoli homered off Edinson Volquez (3-3) as the Indians took two of three from the defending World Series champions.

Phillies 6, Marlins 5

In Miami, Tyler Goeddel tied the score 5-5 with a double against David Phelps (2-2) in the eighth, his first big league extra-base hit, and scored on by Andres Blanco double

Philadelphia's Aaron Nola allowed three runs in six innings, and his scoreless streak ended at 23 innings.

Orioles 11, Athletics 3

In Baltimore, Manny Machado hit two of Baltimore's season-high six homers, including a grand slam, and had a career-high six RBI.

Machado connected with a man on in the first inning and added his third career slam in the eighth.

White Sox 3, Twins 1

In Chicago, Jose Quintana (5-1) allowed six hits in seven innings, lowering his ERA to 1.38.

David Robertson pitched a hitless ninth for his 10th save in 11 tries as the White Sox (22-10) completed a three-game sweep and moved 12 games above .500 for the first time since September 2012.

Diamondbacks 5, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Chris Herrmann's second homer of the game, a two-run drive off Jim Johnson with two outs in the 11th inning, lifted Arizona to a three-game sweep.

Herrmann hit a seventh-inning homer off Mike Foltynewicz, then connected off Johnson (0-4) for his first multihomer game in the major leagues.

Astros 5, Mariners 1

In Houston, rookie Tyler White doubled twice and drove in a run to back Collin McHugh (4-3), who allowed one run and five hits in seven innings to win his third straight start.

Jose Altuve had two hits and tied a career-high with three stolen bases on a day the Astros swiped five.

Pirates 10, Cardinals 5

In St. Louis, Gregory Polanco hit a three-run homer and John Jaso added a two-run drive.

Gerrit Cole (3-3) gave up two runs and six hits in six innings, and Mark Melancon got his ninth save when Yadier Molina grounded into a game-ending double play with the bases loaded.

Brewers 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Jonathan Lucroy greeted Ross Ohlendorf (3-3) with a tiebreaking home run leading off the eighth inning, then caught Billy Hamilton stealing for the final out—a call upheld in a video review.

Milwaukee overcame a 4-1 deficit; on Saturday, the Brewers won 13-7 in 10 innings after trailing 4-0 and 6-2.

Mets 4, Padres 3

In San Diego, Matt Harvey (4-3) struck out a season-high 10 in six innings, Yoenis Cespedes homered off Andrew Cashner (2-3) and New York escaped a bases-loaded jam with no outs in the eighth to salvage a four-game split.

The Mets moved into sole possession of first place in the NL East for the first time this season. They trailed Washington by five games in mid-April.

Rays 3, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Matt Andriese (1-0) pitched seven innings of four-hit ball to win his season debut, Brad Miller hit a two-run homer and Tampa Bay Rays completed a three-game sweep.

Curt Casali also homered as the Rays (15-14) won four straight games and moved above .500, accomplishing both for the first time since August.

Rockies 2, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Nolan Arenado had three hits, and Eddie Butler (1-1) gave up four hits in six innings for his first win since being promoted from the minors.

Gerardo Parra singled in a run and made a diving catch, helping the Rockies salvage a four-game split. Rookie Trevor Story doubled and scored.

Hahn tops Wells Fargo; McIlroy drops to fourth

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—James Hahn said the anxiety was creeping in after missing eight straight cuts on the PGA Tour, causing him to wonder if he'd ever get his game straightened out.

But after a long talk with caddie Mark Urbanek last week, Hahn came to Quail Hollow Club with a renewed confidence and determination to end the streak.

He did that and more.

Hahn beat Roberto Castro with a par on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday in the Wells Fargo Championship to snap the three-month slump and earn his second PGA Tour title.

"It was going bad for a while," Hahn said. "Just didn't have the confidence, didn't believe in myself. I felt like I was putting in the work but wasn't getting any reward for it. ... You're playing bad and you're missing cuts and there's nothing funny about that."

The anxiety appeared a distant memory Sunday as a smiling Hahn cracked open a can of Bud Light as he sat behind the podium and asked the media, "You want one?"

Hahn, perhaps best known for his "Gangnam Style" birdie celebration three years ago on the Phoenix Open's rowdy 16th hole, said when things got bad he remained motivated by never wanting to lose his PGA Tour card and having to play on the Web.com Tour.

"I just told my wife, I can't play there—I can't," Hahn said. "It's not an option for me. I feel like I'm good enough and I need to put in more work to stay on this level, and it's worth every minute of it. ... I have a lot of people counting on me."

He won't have to worry about that now for quite a while.

In winning, Hahn picked up the $1.3 million prize and an automatic two-year extension on the PGA Tour, not bad for a former Bay Area women's shoes salesman.

"You have to keep believing in yourself and keep grinding. I constantly remind myself that I am good enough and belong out there," Hahn said.

Hahn said he never looked at the scoreboard all day and didn't know that if he'd made par on the 72nd hole that he would have likely sealed the tournament. Instead, he 3-putted and made bogey, opening the door for Castro.

Castro, playing in the final group behind Hahn, made par to force a playoff.

But Castro's tee shot on the playoff hole found the creek on the left side of the fairway and his third shot landed in a spectator's shoe on the side of the green, leading to a bogey. The ball hit a spectator in the head before landing in the loafer.

Hahn shot 2-under 70 on Sunday, and Castro had a 71 to finish at 9 under, one shot ahead of Justin Rose (71). Hahn also won the 2015 Northern Trust Open at Riviera.

Rory McIlroy and Phil Mickelson both shot 66 to tie for fourth at 7 under with third-round leader Rickie Fowler (74) and Andrew Loupe (71).

Whispering Palms finishes strong in All Schools

After four days of non-stop competition, the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships came to an end last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High Scholl Field.

In a large field of competitors, Whispering Palms School was able to place third overall in the elementary school division. By age group, WPS' boys U9 and boys U11 finished third and the girls U11 came in at second place.

Whispering Palms' team was composed of 14 elementary students who qualified to compete in the running and field events. The list includes Lily James, Katie Rose James, Helen Kim, Lia Mariano, Violet Allen, River Kramer, Ashley DeCourteney, Erin Frink, Kyle Kramer, Robert DeCourteney, Dylan Mister, Max Church, Blake Mister, and Kaden Church.

Individual medal winners for their respective age/events were as follows: boys U9's Robert DeCourteney—400m (1st), 800m (1st), 1500m (2nd); girls U9's Helen Kim—400m (1st), 800m (2nd); boys U11's Dylan Mister—1500m (1st), softball throw (3rd); and girls U11's Violet Allen—800m (3rd), 1500m (2nd); Ashley DeCourteney—200m (2nd), 400m (2nd), 800m (1st), 1500m (1st); and River Kramer—200m (1st), 400m (1st).

On the final day, the relays were the highly anticipated events and WPS collected four medals from these contests. Whispering Palms had two mixed medley relay teams in both the 9U and 11U age categories and each earned silver medals for the school. The U9 team had Mariano, Robert DeCourteney, Helen Kim, and Kyle Kramer as runners, while the U11 members were Erin Frink, Max Church, River Kramer, and Dylan Mister.

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Whispering Palms students pose with their medals won in the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships held last week at the Hopwood Junior High Scholl Field.

WPS also fielded two 4x400m relay teams in both the girls U11 and boys U13 age categories. The boys team of Dylan Mister, Max and Kaden Church, and Blake Mister, ended up running in an older category and still managed to earn the silver medal. The girls team (Allen, Erin Frink, Ashley DeCourteney, and River Kramer) had a strong showing and brought home the gold medal.

All competitors thoroughly enjoyed last week's events and look forward to next year's meet at what they hope to be the newly resurfaced Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility. ***(PR)***

Barcelona, Madrid to fight for Spain title in final round

MADRID (AP)—The Spanish league title race will go down to the final round, with rivals Barcelona and Real Madrid still in contention.

Barcelona routed city rival Espanyol 5-0 on Sunday to increase its lead going into next weekend, when another victory will secure the Catalan club its second consecutive title.

Luis Suarez scored twice, with Lionel Messi, Neymar and Rafinha adding one goal each at the Camp Nou to keep Barcelona one point in front of Real Madrid, which defeated Valencia 3-2 with two goals from Cristiano Ronaldo and one by Karim Benzema.

Atletico Madrid, which was trailing Barcelona for most of the season and was tied in points before this weekend, dropped out of contention after a surprising 2-1 late loss to already relegated Levante. Atletico had been bidding for its second league title in three seasons.

In the final round, Barcelona will play at Granada, which was fighting against relegation but on Sunday mathematically secured its place in the top flight with a 4-1 win at Sevilla.

Real Madrid will play at Deportivo La Coruna, which is in the middle of the table and also won't have anything to play for in the last round.

"We had good rhythm from the start, creating pressure following turnovers," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said. "We played a complete game, I'm happy with what we've achieved. Now we just have to put it away by beating Granada."

Barcelona enters the final weekend with 88 points from 37 matches. It has the advantage on the head-to-head tiebreaker against Real Madrid, so the rival will need to win its game in La Coruna and hope Barcelona at least draws in Granada.

"I'm always positive," Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said. "We have one game left to play, anything can happen. We have to give everything and ... we will see what happens right up until the end, until the very last minute."

Barcelona will be trying to win its sixth league title in eight seasons, while Madrid will be looking to lift the trophy for the first time since 2012, and second time in eight seasons.

Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid were coming off difficult games in the semifinals of the Champions League, when both advanced to the May 28 final in Milan. Barcelona will play in the Copa del Rey final against Sevilla on May 22.

The Catalan club recently relinquished a nine-point lead after going winless in four straight games, but Luis Enrique's team picked up the pace just in time, winning four consecutive games by outscoring opponents 21-0 to stay ahead going into the decisive round.

Barcelona dominated from the start at the Camp Nou and Messi opened the scoring from a free kick in the eighth minute, curling a left-foot shot over the wall.

Messi then set up Suarez's first goal with a pass into the area in the 52nd, and the striker increased the lead with a header in the 61st. Substitute Rafinha got on the board after a blunder by goalkeeper Pau Lopez in the 74th and Neymar completed the scoring from close range in the 83rd.

Suarez reached 37 league goals, four more than Ronaldo, who put Real Madrid ahead in the 26th at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium and added his second in the 59th after Benzema had netted in the 42nd.

Valencia's goals came from striker Rodrigo in the 55th and midfielder Andre Gomes in the 81st. It played a man down from the 84th because of a red card for Rodrigo.

Madrid got the win, its 11th straight in the league, despite missing some key players because of injuries, including Gareth Bale, Luka Modric and starting goalkeeper Keylor Navas. It was the final career home game for Alvaro Arbeloa, the 33-year-old defender who announced earlier in the week that he was retiring.

Atletico Madrid had its six-game winning streak in the league halted by a disappointing 2-1 loss at Levante, which had been relegated in the last round.

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sions, respectively, and Christopher Aninzo—the winner of the Golden Glove plum in the boys U17.

With Aninzo playing goalkeeper for MP United, the three other squads that challenged the spring champion tallied only three goals—the least allowed in the entire league. MPU also posted the most goals (35) with 13 of them coming from Tenorio, who managed to beat Matansa's Jun Sik Kim and Terrence Belcher for the Golden Boot award after firing eight goals in their last game and 14-0 demolition of Kanoa late last month.

In the girls U15 division, Villagomez scored nearly half of MPU's total goals (47) with her 23, to get the Golden Boot award in her age group. Kanoa's Theresa Toves took the Golden Glove trophy for allowing only 10 goals.

Completing the spring league's individual awardees list were Paire's Kaden Church and Tan Holdings' Floyd Muna. Church earned the Golden Boot award in the boys U14 age group after tallying 20 goals in 10 games, while Muna was given the Golden Glove plum after holding the five squads they faced twice to 20 goals.

The spring league awardees, along with U12 and FA Challenge Cup champion MPU A, U14's Tan Holdings, girls U15's Shirley's FC, and boys U17's MPU, received their medals and trophies before the send-off ceremony for the CNMI Girls U14 National Team.

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ra Hosogi and Shiho Tsukuda and Chinese-Taipei's Wei and Ting-Chieh Wei.

Lee and Rengiil are at the bottom half of the draw and will square off against Japan's Nanami Okamoto and Saki Oyama today with the winners advancing into the quarterfinals.

"I have Ayana as teammate so I am not that worried and I think we have a pretty good chance in the tournament," the world No. 704 said.

Lee's fellow CNMI player Tania Tan is also competing in the doubles and will be joining forces with Japan's Suka Sano. Tan and Sano are wild card entries and will battle Japan's Mana Kawamura and Mahiro Koga.

Tan joined the singles play, too, and bowed to Kawamura in yesterday's opening round, 2-6, 1-6.

The ITF Junior tournament in Guam is a Grade 5 event and awards 30 points to the singles champions and 20 (each) to the doubles winners. The Calvo's Select Care ITF Junior Championships will run until this Saturday and several players from this competition will then head to Saipan next week for another ITF Junior-ranking event—the 2016 IT&E Northern Marianas Juniors Championships.

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ers to give China, Japan, and South Korea a good match," the NMIFA head added.

Irish Viray and Theresa Marie Toves are the CNMI team's goalkeepers. Completing the squad are Princess Alcantara, Jerlyn Castillo, Patricia Surima, Kristelle Itaas, Sharmaine Francisco, Paulynn Joyce, Julianne Hall, Leisha Sally, Francesca Bucalig, Katrina Costales, Esther Jones, Lillian Podziewski, Therize Millare, Alisa Gatharngeg, Hannah Santos, and Valeria Myers. Olympian Luam Khen Koo is the head of the delegation, while Tang Chi Ming and Wong Shuk Fang are the coach and assistant coaches, respectively. Mae Ito and Pamela Carhill are also with the squad as manager and physiotherapist.

"Not all teams are given a chance to play China, South Korea, and Japan, whose members, in a few years, will play in World Cup and Olympics, so I hope you learn a lot from these top squads and when you get back on Saipan, you'll become better players," Tan added.

NMIFA vice president Vickie Izuka, club officials and players, and their parents joined Tan on the well-wishers list for the CNMI U16 Girls National Team and encouraged the group to be good ambassadors of the Commonwealth.

"You will be representing, not your club, but your country—the CNMI. Do your best, behave well on and off the pitch, and never give up until you hear that last whistle," Izuka said.

The CNMI bets will leave for China this Sunday and will have one day to prepare for their first game—which is against Japan at 5pm (7pm Saipan time) on May 17. Next up for the Commonwealth players is host China with the match also set for 5pm on May 18. The CNMI-South Korea tiff is scheduled at 5pm, too, on May 19.

The Top 2 placers in the CNMI's pool (Group A) will advance to the semis against the Top 2 finishers of Group B, which has Guam, Chinese-Taipei, North Korea, and Hong Kong.

"We have to be realistic with our goals in the tournament. We won't be able to finish in the Top 2. However, if we could lower down the scores in every game, that's already a big achievement for our team. We just have to focus on defense and give our best in each match. In this tournament, we are after the experience our players could get as the things they will learn in the AFC tournament will help them when they compete in future regional events," Koo said.

2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships

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A female runner hands over the baton to her teammate during the 4x400m relay event in last Saturday's 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships held at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Two Kagman Elementary School runners pace themselves during the 1,500m run.

McDonald's general manager Marcia Ayuyu poses with the winners in the 60m run.

A high school student participates in the discus throw contest.

Tinian's Matthew Sarmiento competes in the softball throw.

Runners in the girls U15 age group race in the 60m sprint.

Two runners are in a close race as they negotiate the 4x400m relay course.

An elementary school student throws a softball.

Meet director Elias Rangamar helps position a runner during the 4x400m relay race.

Runners compete in the boys U18's 60m race.

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CNMI to challenge best teams in AFC tourney

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The CNMI Girls U14 National Team will get a rare opportunity to challenge three of the best squads in the region when it plays in the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championships next week at the Xianghe Football Training Center in Beijing, China.

The 18-player Commonwealth crew will be facing host China, Japan, and South Korea in the May 17 to 22 tournament.

"The results may not be pretty, but the experience of playing against these three tough teams is very valuable. Go out and learn from the best," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan said during a send-off ceremony for the team yesterday at the Kanoa Resort.

"It's a tough group and your goalies will be very busy every game so other players, you have to help your keep-

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Members of the CNMI Girls U14 National Team pose for a photo during a send-off ceremony yesterday at Kanoa Resort. The Commonwealth's players will be competing in the AFC U14 Regional Championships in Beijing, China next week.

Lee romps past first round foe

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Carol Lee is playing in the Calvo's Select Care ITF Junior Championships at the Rick Ninete Tennis Centre in Hagatna, Guam.

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The CNMI's Carol Lee eased her way to the second round of the girls U18 singles event of the Calvo's Select Care ITF Junior Championships after sweeping her Japanese foe yesterday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Centre in Hagatna, Guam.

Lee was pitted against wild card entry Karen Kondo and posted a 6-1, 6-1 victory in their first round match at the upper half of the bracket.

"I faced a beginner so it was kind of an easy game. However, in the first part of the match, I had difficulties with my shots because the weather was windy. Later on, I managed to get my game going," said Lee, who is seeded sixth in the 32-player field.

"In the second round, it's going to be tougher because I will meet a good player from Chinese-Taipei," the 14-year-old Lee added.

The CNMI netter is talking of Ling Hsuan Wei, who pulled off a 7-5, 7-5 victory against Japan's Nagomi Tanaka to set up a second-round duel against Lee on Wednesday. If Lee survives Wei, she may collide against the top-ranked Sara Tsukamoto of the U.S. in the quarterfinals. Tsukamoto also needed only two sets to beat Japan's Tomoka Yoshida in yesterday's opening round, 6-2, 6-1. The draw's No. 1 seed will next challenge Hong Kong's Alicia Yue, a 6-0, 6-2 winner versus Japanese qualifier Nanari Katsumi.

Meanwhile, Lee will start her doubles bid today as she teams up with Palau's Ayana Rengiil. The two Pacific Oceania players are seeded second in the draw behind the top-ranked pair of Tsukamoto and Singapore's Charmaine Seah. The two other seeded teams are Japan's Saku-

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MPU players lead youth league awardees

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MP United Football Club took five out of the eight individual awards in 2016 NMIFA Youth Spring League handed out yesterday at Kanoa Resort.

In the U12 division, MPU swept the two awards in the age group with Rintaro Miyawaki getting the Golden Boot plum and teammate Richard Steele bringing home the Golden Glove trophy.

Miyawaki collected 29 out of MPU's 68 goals in nine games for the most made by any player in the entire youth league. The MPU striker scored in each match in the spring season, averaging 3.2 goals per game with his most (6) recorded in their opening win (11-1) against Paire last Feb. 13. Steele, on the other hand, allowed the least goals in the division, limiting their foes to 18.

MP United's three other individual awards came from Gilian Villagomez and Sunjoon Tenorio, who bagged the Golden Boot trophies in the girls U15 and boys U17 divi-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Golden Boot and Golden Glove awardees in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Spring League pose with their trophies during yesterday's presentation at Kanoa Resort.